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3. What is Tagalog?
4. Who studied at the University of Hawaii?
5. Who used his powerful voice to prevent panic?
6. What was observed on March 4, 1951?
7. In what country is the population 68% Negro?
8. Whose ministry was a vocation of sacrifice and love?
9. Where can you set your watch by a train?
10. Who is Editor of *The Washington Post*?
11. What was founded in 1831?
12. Who is President of Morehouse College?
13. What hospital is now 42 years old?
14. Who is an unusually capable and dynamic pastor?
15. Who could not tolerate the attitude toward slavery?
16. Who is Nicholas I. Sylwesiuk?
17. What must always carry the elements of service?
18. Who is Mario Casanella?
19. Where has the graciousness of early days been retained?
20. What is one of the greatest subjects in the world?

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Where the Fire Starts

Cartoon Number 179 by Charles A. Wells



MANY years ago public safety officials in towns and cities discovered that trash, waste, litter, carelessness, untidiness—the common attributes of slum areas—were the causes of many destructive fires. So they learned that by cleaning up a neighborhood the danger of destructive conflagration was greatly reduced.

This is also true of today's danger of the destructive conflagration of communism. There is hardly an exception to the rule that areas across the earth that are cursed with poverty and despair, and existing alongside of wealth that will not share, are the places where communist activities spark most easily into destructive flame. We have done much to build a big fire department by way of armaments to fight the flames, but we have done little more than talk about cleaning up the conditions that invite violent revolution.

The money we are today spending to fight communists in Korea, if spent on a constructive program under adequate supervision in the Far East would have forestalled the spread of communism, not just in Korea but throughout all Asia.

We will never stop communism until we move against it constructively by removing the fire hazards and cleaning up the conditions in which it breaks forth into flames.—CHARLES W. WELLS.

Deep Satisfaction

From Wooster, Ohio, came this tribute to the Conferences on Christ and World Need. I write to convey the deep satisfaction and pleasure we all had. The response of the community was even better than expected. The Sunday programs alone were worth the whole effort . . . I think every pastor would agree to this. In behalf of the Wooster Ministerial Association, Rev. John R. Williams, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Wooster, Ohio.



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In This Issue

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• MARY BETH FULTON is a special representative of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.

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• CHRIS E. LAWSON is Executive Secretary of the Buffalo Baptist Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

• P. H. J. LERRIGO, summoned from retirement after a distinguished career as missionary, denominational

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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What is immensely more serious is the drastic reduction in enrollment that will be experienced if Universal Military Service, apparently about to be enacted by Congress, drafts into the armed forces every boy of 18 and allows no deferments for men in college.

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• ROBERT N. ZEARFOSS is pastor of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church,

Buffalo, N. Y., and Chairman of the Buffalo Committee on Arrangements for next month's session of the American Baptist Convention.

LETTERS

from the Editor's Mail Bag

The January issue of MISSIONS is one of the greatest that has ever been published.—*Rev. Clarence W. Kemper, Boulder, Co.*

I cannot speak highly enough of your latest issue which has been read with absorbing interest. Your article on international blunders is masterly, enlightening, courageous, and challenging. May God give the Editor strength to continue on in a most needed service to our day and generation.—*Rev. Rolla E. Brown, Denver, Col.*

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of MISSIONS' editorials on the Catholic
situation. Keep up the good work.
You are a strong defender of the
faith against what may some day be-
come as big a menace in America as
it has become in other lands. I en-
deavor to be charitable toward all
religious faiths and I deeply respect
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Catholic faith. On the other hand,
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of this great artist. I know of no other artist in America who concentrates so ably and enthusiastically on Biblical subjects.—*Rev. William Tat-ter, Chicago, Ill.* ■

In MISSIONS you recently stated that 500,000,000 Roman Catholics must accept the dicta of the Pope. *The World Almanac* for 1944 reported total Roman Catholic membership as 338,386,000. In view of the questionable number in countries behind the iron curtain who are still faithful, I submit that your statement is an exaggeration.—*Alfred Spencer, Savona, N. Y.*

Your article, "The High Cost of International Blunders", is a magnificent demonstration of courage and of Christian insight. How right you

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are when you point out that only a rare few have anything to suggest except more force to undo the blunders already tragically committed. Apparently the war-makers have looked for a long time to this day when all else would be secondary and unimportant. I wish the circulation of Missions would be large enough so that this article could be read around the world. You may perhaps be "a voice crying in the wilderness", but it is the voice of prophecy.—*Prof. B. Smith Haworth, Ottawa, Kan.*



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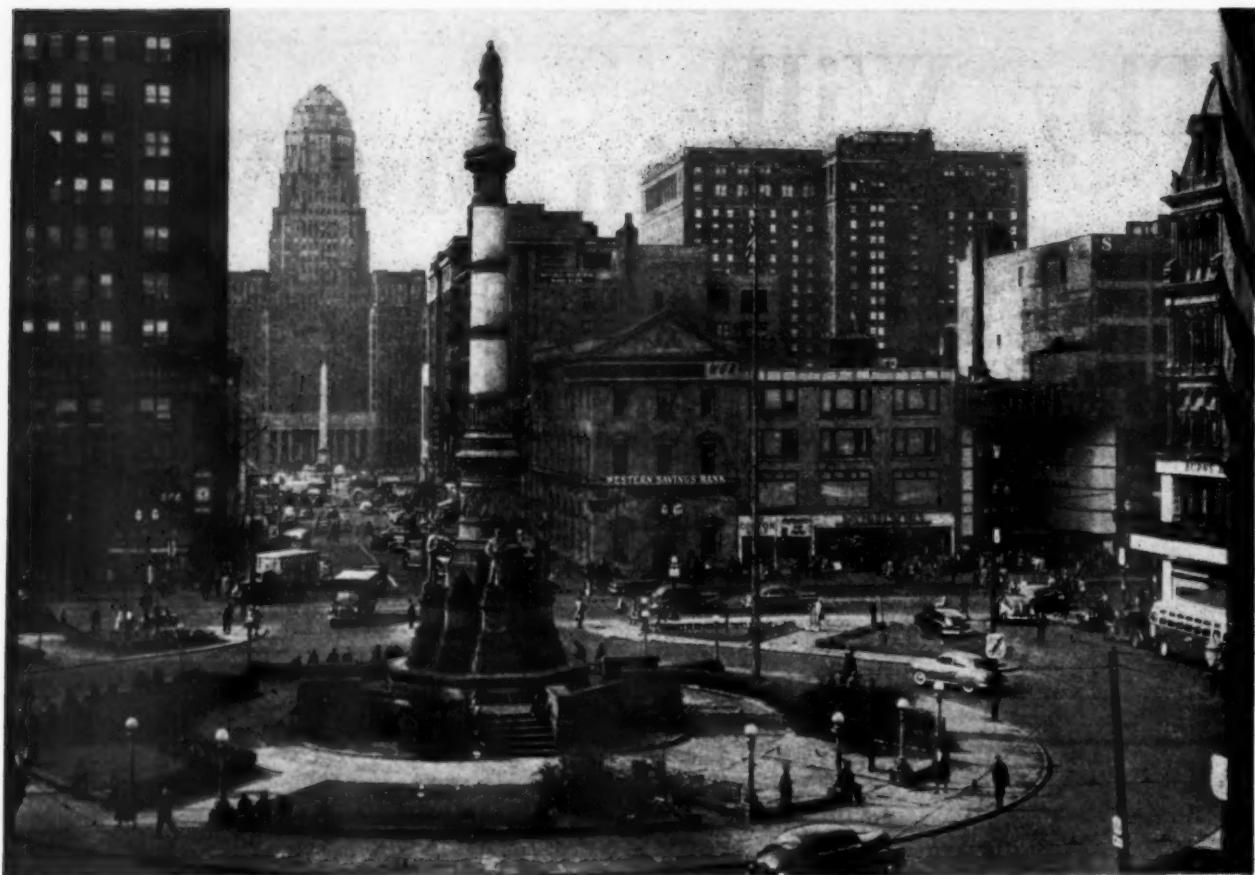
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ABOVE: Lafayette Square, Buffalo, N. Y., with the monument in memory of the men of Buffalo who died in the Civil War BELOW: Airplane view of Buffalo, N. Y., showing the Hotel Statler, City Hall, and the monument in memory of President William McKinley who was shot in Buffalo, September 6, 1901 during the Pan-American Exposition, and died September 14, 1901



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Then and Now in Buffalo

MORE than 30 years ago, the life span of a generation, the American (then Northern) Baptist Convention met in Buffalo, N. Y. At that assembly scores of delegates were critically injured when the wooden stands collapsed and Dr. C. A. Barbour used his powerful voice to prevent panic.

Baptists of today cannot recall that Buffalo Convention of 1920 with pride. It was sadly divisive. Here was adopted the historic resolution about alleged heresy in Baptist colleges and seminaries. Thus began the doctrinal controversy that lasted 25 years until the fundamentalists withdrew and organized their own association and foreign mission society. Here also Baptists seceded from the Interchurch World Movement. "The vote was by a large majority amid glee and tears—a strange scene," reported Dr. Howard B. Grose, then Editor of *MISSIONS*. Fortunately Baptists later repudiated their isolationism. Today they maintain their full witness in relationships with other churches. At Buffalo in 1920 little was said about peace and war. A weak resolution deplored the U. S. Senate's refusal to ratify the League of Nations. Cautiously a missionary from Japan warned about Japanese militarism. Nobody could foresee Pearl Harbor 21 years later. Mild concern was expressed about unfriendly relations with Great Britain. (*See editorial comment on page 290*). Baptists at Buffalo seemed to be internationally sound asleep.

Today far more difficult and complicated issues confront Baptists. Instead of worrying about heresy in our schools we should worry whether we will have any schools left when the massive American militarization moves into high gear. Instead of concern over at-

tachments with other denominations we should be anxious whether cooperative Protestantism, with many Christian bodies still standing afar off, is strong enough to reverse the drift toward the Third World War. Instead of concern over unfriendly relations only with Britain, we should vigorously check the propaganda to make us enemies of all people whose social, economic, political systems differ from our own. Surely recent revelations about crime, juvenile delinquency, drug traffic, threats to religious freedom, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy's expanding power, these call for deep concern at Buffalo.

Fortunately the Buffalo Convention of 1920 issued a challenge amazingly relevant to our times.

In this hour of strife and turmoil throughout our world, when the moral forces seem impotent because of quarreling and misunderstanding, when the righteous forces of many nations are neutralized by differences in judgment in their own ranks, can we not as humble servants of Christ clasp our hands in a pledge of mutual fidelity to Him, and present a united front against the forces of evil?

Supplementing that was an evangelistic challenge which urged Baptists at Buffalo "to complete Christ's mission by making evangelism our constant task. There are four reasons for it. Christ commands it. The church requires it. Humanity needs it. The times encourage it."

If the times in 1920 challenged Baptists to evangelism, to mutual fidelity to Christ, and to present a united front against the forces of evil, then surely our times in 1951 make that challenge imperative. The Buffalo Convention of 1951 should be vastly more significant than that at Buffalo 31 years ago.

The World Today

Current Events of Missionary Interest



One of India's thousands of villages whose wage earners earn only 20 cents per day

How Long Could you Live On 20 Cents Per Day?

HOW long could you live and support a family on 20 cents per day? Late in March the Ministry of Labor in the Government of India released a report. Although it furnished no new information about the poverty of India, the report stated it statistically in terms that make India's terrible economic distress more readily understood.

Based on a survey in Madras State, where most of Baptist foreign mission work in India is maintained among the Telugu people, the investigators found that the farm worker of India earned in Indian currency the equivalent of only \$67.62 a year, or less than 20 cents a day. To maintain even the poor standard of living which such a pitiful income compels, he must incur indebtedness which because of the difficulty and often impossibility of repayment, hangs like the proverbial millstone around his neck. The average family consists of five persons of whom three contribute nothing to the family income, so that two persons out of the five usually furnish the family support. Of the 40 cents per day thus earned, 24 cents is spent for food for the five people. They can purchase only a little grain which is deficient both in quality and quantity.

This report by the Ministry of Labor is the first result of a survey of 1,813 communities to collect

data on the basis of which the Government of India plans to fix minimum wages. The survey also revealed that the majority of the farms consist of less than two acres. In spite of India's high infant mortality the average Indian has too large a family and not enough land on which to support his family. This explains also why the Indian States are pushing land reforms whereby farmers will be compelled to enter into a cooperative farming system to increase production and improve marketing.

It also explains why American foreign mission boards place emphasis on agricultural missions. A Christian church in India cannot become self-supporting when its members earn 20 cents per day.

International Snubbery By the Government of South Africa

THE dictionary defines the word "snub" as, "to rebuke with tartness or sarcasm: to slight deignedly; to treat with contemptuous neglect." So *The New York Times* headlined what recently happened in South Africa as, UNITED NATIONS SNUBBED ANEW BY SOUTH AFRICA. Similarly *The New York Herald Tribune* headlined its report, UNITED NATIONS REBUFFED BY SOUTH AFRICA ON RACIAL ISSUE. Both headlines told the same story.

The Government of South Africa rejected the proposal by the United Nations for negotiations to improve the treatment of colored people in South

Africa, and to modify South Africa's race segregation and color discrimination. Europeans (white), Bantus (Negro) and Asians (colored) must each live in their own legally restricted area and to be subject to other rigid racial discriminations. Readers of *MISSIONS* will recall Mr. Leon S. Gay's informing article, "Land of Sparkling Diamonds and Fierce Racial Tensions," in which he discussed this international problem. (See *MISSIONS*, October, 1950, pages 462-467). Apparently conditions in South Africa are heading toward an explosion. Communism which thrives in situations of this type is destined to sprout and spread rapidly. Nevertheless the Government of South Africa formally rejected the United Nations' proposal for negotiation which had been adopted by a vote of 33 to 6. It was prompted by the provisions in The Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

South Africa has a population totaling 12,112,000 of whom only 20% are white, 68% are Negro, and 12% are Asian. Thus to maintain its doctrine of "white supremacy," South Africa snubs the United Nations. American mothers of today whose little sons are playing in their backyards may well wonder whether 20 years from now these sons will be sent to South Africa on a futile mission to check the spread of communism that will have had its origin in conditions of today.

She Paid \$106,000 For a Copy Of the Gutenberg Bible

THE highest price ever paid for a Gutenberg Bible, of which 46 are in existence, was \$106,000. It was paid by the late Mrs. Edward S. Harkness who presented it to the Yale University Library. In February another Gutenberg Bible, which was known to have been in existence in 1824 and then disappeared, was rediscovered, was shipped by airplane to New York, and for several weeks was

on display at the book store of Charles Scribner's Sons, its new owners. This rediscovered Bible, known as the Shuckburgh Copy, is in fine condition. It was printed by Gutenberg in 1400. It is believed that Gutenberg, who invented printing by movable types, printed 180 Bibles. Of the 46 in existence, 13 are in the United States, 9 in England, 4 in France, 2 each in Italy and Spain, and one each in Austria, Denmark, Poland, Portugal, and Switzerland, all in public collections. The remainder are privately owned.

The high price which these Bibles command is a tribute both to their rarity as superb productions of the art of printing, and to their content. No other book of which 46 copies were in existence would command such a price. But today the Bible has become so cheap, so universally available in every book store and hotel room, that people do not read it as they should. Yet annually it is always listed as a best seller.

What Russian communists think of the Bible is indicated in a definition in the latest edition of *Slovar Inostrannykh Slov* which means *Dictionary of Foreign Words*, published by the Russian Government. In it appears the following:

BIBLE: A Collection of different legends mutually contradictory written at different times, full of historical errors, and issued by churches as a holy book.

If communism is right, then the Bible need not be read, and the price paid for any copy of it is too high. But because communism is wrong and because the Bible is not what communism says it is but is the Word of God the only written record of the revelation of God in Christ, high prices will continue to be paid for rare issues, and popularly it will continue to be a best seller.

What is needed for our time and generation is not a high price for a rarity nor a low price for a popular edition, but that the Bible be read.

Remarkable Remarks

• WE SAY THAT WE CAME TO KOREA to save the Koreans from conquest and destruction. Today American and Chinese troops are sweeping the land with death. If this continues, there will be no Koreans left to save.—*Rev. John Haynes Holmes.*



• ALL THE TROUBLES IN THE FAR EAST arise from the failure of the rest of the world to adjust itself to the changes that have taken place in Asia.—*Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India*

• THE AMERICAN PEOPLE need to convince the people of the world that in resisting aggression and in preparing against war they have not forgotten the art of making peace.—*WALTER LIPPMAN*

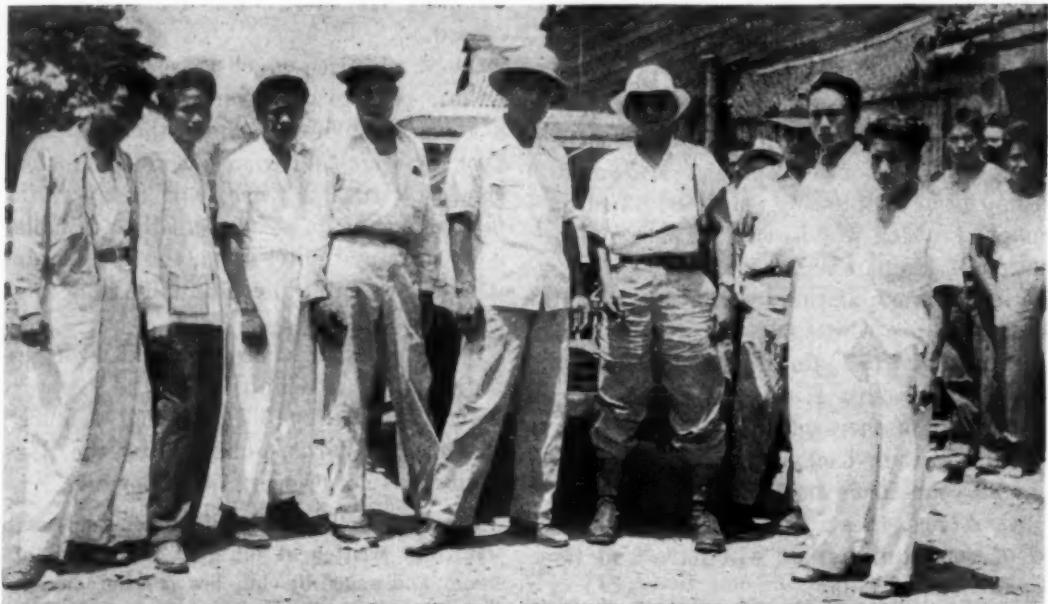


• NOWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES has the Communist Party the power to elect even a dog-catcher; but the Roman Catholic Hierarchy for three years has had the power to hold up Congressional aid to public education.—*Paul Blanshard*

Rip Van Winkle II

In the Philippine Islands

Impressions of the Philippine Islands on a return visit for special service after an absence of almost 40 years



A group of Filipino political dissidents who surrendered. The photograph did not indicate whether or not they are communists

By P. H. J. LERRIGO

MY return to the Philippine Islands for an interim period of service as President of the Central Philippine College (*SEE MISSIONS, March, 1951, page 155.—ED*) is somewhat comparable to the experience of the celebrated Rip Van Winkle who awoke after a long sleep and found that everything had changed. In this case, however, my experience as Rip II out-ripped that of the original Rip in that the hiatus in my Philippine Islands experience covered nearly double the time allotted to the slumberfest of the original Rip Van Winkle. I left Capiz, Philippine Islands in 1913. With wide open eyes I returned 37 years later in December, 1950. The awakening experience of the original Rip was really mild in comparison with my own.

When the Editor of *MISSIONS* wrote and requested this article he listed several topics that I should cover. So I follow his orders. He suggested a discussion of the present political situation. The immediate impression is that while the Philippine Islands are at peace, they are shaking in their shoes.

There is a curious mixed sentiment of gratitude for what is feelingly called Liberation Day. The common man—high, low, rich and poor—genuinely appreciates America's fulfilment of its promise of independence. He also harbors an attitude of chastened relief in regard to the plain spoken Bell Report. He wishes the \$250,000,000 did not have quite such strings attached to it, but senses ruefully that Papa knows what he is talking about. The attitude of Congress to the legis-

lation proposed by President Querino to implement the recommendations of the Report is mixed, for *politicos*, whether in the Philippines or in America, do not differ greatly. But how they would like that quarter billion! On the other hand they dread the political repercussions of new tax legislation, or even serious enforcement of old. Sliding along has been so easy and pleasant, greased by war damage grants and surplus war sales.

The picture presented is a simple one. How can the disaster-threatened economy of the Philippine Islands be redeemed? Has the Philippine leadership the necessary (let us use the familiar euphemism) "intestinal fortitude" to brave the wrath of special interests, and to ask business, government and people alike, to swallow their medicine and build a new future for the archipelago, based upon careful planning, hard work, thrift, and if necessary, austerity? While I believe that in a measure they have, nevertheless to prophesy is quite easy and equally indiscreet.

The Editor wanted to know about post-war recovery? The degree of post-war recovery is truly amazing. But what has already been done serves to throw into shocking relief the terrible devastation wrought in well-nigh every part of the archipelago by the war and the Japanese occupation. Manila presents a pitiful picture of stark ruin staggering to recovery. Blocks of business buildings stand gutted. Stately pre-war structures are riddled and burned. Gaunt skeletons of churches cry to heaven with truncated towers and warped and isolated girders; Homes were eradicated by the hundreds or reduced to heaps of rubble; Pitiful parks remain with obliterated paths and gardens, and occasional half-blasted shrubs and plants which offer brave blossoms to the passerby. Beautiful boulevards with roadways cleaned and mended to accommodate the restored and thronging traffic, are bordered by shattered sidewalks and the miscellaneous debris of exploded homes, shops, factories, warehouses and public buildings.

Yet on every side there are the evidences of indomitable courage. Noble pre-war structures have been replaced and restored. New

modern edifices to serve government, business, education and religion have thrust themselves upwards, side by side with shattered and eyeless wrecks or flimsy provisional makeshifts. They seem to cry aloud, "We are not discouraged, we live again; we are the harbingers of a new and greater city." And what is true of Manila is true also in lesser degree of many another city.

Probably the most striking phenomenon in the Philippines today is the movement for higher education. The young people are determined to have it at all costs. Besides the vigorous and far-reaching effort of the government system, there are religious schools and colleges both evangelical and Catholic, newly established or restored since the war. Also scores of other educational institutions including high schools, colleges, even universities; many of them established as commercial and profit-paying institutions.

New emphasis is being placed upon home industries. A "Made-in-the-Philippines-Prod-



The papaya tree heavily laden with fruit

ucts Week" is popularizing new products. There are new fisheries and canning factories from the introduction of the tidal fishpond industry. Even long slumbering agriculture is beginning to become a little self-conscious. Missions cooperate with government and other groups to introduce serious efforts toward better understanding of animal husbandry and more modern methods of crop production. The work of our own agricultural specialist, Mr. Burl Slocum, is outstanding in this respect. Mr. Slocum is producing the literature needed by all the evangelical missions throughout the Islands, and the government is happy to have his cooperation in the agricultural developments they are carrying on in interior sections.

Transportation has become a mighty factor. Life is on the move. Men, women and children dash about in jeeps, jitneys, buses and taxis. Towns separated by many miles become neighbors. A closely articulated series of well managed airplane routes connect island with island. The entire archipelago learns the newly adopted national language, Tagalog, formerly spoken by a part of Luzon Island.

Perhaps the greatest miracle of all is the now nation wide use of the English language. Of course the area dialects are still spoken in peasant homes and will be spoken permanently. But the requirement of English in all schools, private and public, the use of English in Congress, in business, professional and religious life, means that it is far and away the most commonly spoken tongue. For several reasons it is often mispronounced. One reason is that most English is learned from



The palace of the President of the Philippine Islands, restored after its heavy war damage

the lips of those who do not speak it as their mother tongue. The other reason is that many students greatly increase their knowledge of the language through reading, and therefore have never heard correctly pronounced many of the words they learned from books. Another important reason for the existence of what is known as "Philippine English" is the fact that the pronunciation of the Philippine area languages was based upon phonetics taken from the Spanish language. Hence the multitude who have seldom heard English spoken by those to whom it is the mother tongue often use vowel sounds and accents as they would in their native tongue or in Spanish. Allied to this is the fact that the vastly larger proportion of names are Spanish and are still spoken in Spanish manner which predisposes the speaker in using English words to pronounce them with Spanish accents.

The Editor of Missions wants to know about communism. There is undoubtedly communism in the Philippine Islands today. The old ferment of the *Katipunan* revolt against feudal domination in days prior to the American occupation may have partly prepared for it. Many of the half-million or more Chinese in the Philippine Islands sympathize with their friends and relatives in Communist China. The communist movement has made alarming progress in capturing the Hukbalahaps. Among the hill peasantry for years there have been dissatisfaction and disturbance often with good cause, and the soil was ready for communist seed. Rightly handled, the situation may still not develop into a wholesale communist movement, in spite of



The main post office in Manila



Vice President Fernando Lopez of the Philippine Islands in a receiving line at the Iloilo Press Club

the substantial sums from Communist China used to promote Communist ideology. Nevertheless, the "Huks" are being fed the familiar Kremlin story and are being organized on Soviet lines, while opposing villages are being raided and offending individuals are slain.

The government is trying a two-pronged policy with the so-called "dissident" groups. It consists of evacuating loyal citizens from villages in mountain areas and then endeavoring to round up the malcontents with a view to persuading them of the folly of their sentiments and the futility of rebellion, or if unsuccessful in this effort, to suppress the movement by force of arms.

The present religious situation is full of promise. The Evangelical Movement which began at the close of the Spanish American war at the turn of the century has certainly profoundly affected the religious thinking of the Philippine people. Most of the larger American Christian denominations and many smaller denominations have established missions in the archipelago. The spread of evangelical truth has opened the minds and hearts of myriads of people. The influence of the movement is far out of proportion to its nu-

merical strength. Protestant church members number around 350,000 in a total population of about 19,000,000. From the beginning of their work the evangelical churches have sponsored a vigorous educational program. There are 113 Protestant schools now carrying on, in all grades covering elementary, high school, college, seminary and university work. Their students number 24,267. Graduates of evangelical colleges are numerous in all walks of life, but particularly in professional, business and political circles. Thousands of those who still adhere nominally to the Roman Catholic faith now have open minds to evangelical truth. From among them are constant accessions to the membership of the Protestant churches. During recent years, and especially in 1950, the Holy Jubilee Year of the Roman Church, there has been an exacerbation of intolerance against the evangelical groups. But the promulgation of the new papal dogma respecting the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary has not failed to push the growing multitude of more-liberal thinkers toward the protestant viewpoint.

Our own Baptist missionaries were among the very first to begin work in the Philippines. The Hopevale martyrdom of the larger part of our missionary body toward the close of the war produced a profound effect here, as indeed it did in America.

Since I had part in its earliest beginnings half a century ago the picture presented by our work today is to me most heartening. There are middle aged men and women who in childhood first heard the message of a free and untrammelled gospel through stammering Visayan speech of the early missionaries.



Rice planting in the Philippine Islands

English was not commonly used then and it was necessary for the missionaries not only to learn to speak in Visayan but also in Spanish in order adequately to reach all classes of society. Many of those who thus heard the gospel in childhood are now Baptist pastors. In turn their children have grown up in Christian homes and not a few of these are now following their parents as pastors and Christian workers. Some of these second generation Christians have reached high places in national, professional and business life. The present missionaries are happy to give their own efforts to special tasks while relinquishing the responsible places to their Philippine colleagues.

Rip Van Winkle II opened his eyes and drew a long breath when he saw the beautiful campus of Central Philippine College and learned that the enrollment in elementary, high school and college departments numbered 2,747 this year. If one wore a hat in the Philippines he would have taken his off to the present group of missionaries who have co-operated during the past five years with their Philippine co-laborers in restoring the well nigh totally destroyed school plant.

Capiz was almost as much of a war casualty as Iloilo, but the Emmanuel Hospital, now 42 years old, weathered the storm, as did also Miss Suman's Home School, now called Filamer College. The Emmanuel Hospital with the rebuilt Iloilo Mission Hospital are still the outstanding examples of organized service in the name of the Great Physician in the Visayan group of islands.

Rip Van Winkle II has not yet visited Antique province and Negros Island, but he has reason to know that the whole Philippine

work is knit together into a compact unit of evangelical missionary endeavor. There are vigorous and active churches in town and country, on the mountains and by the seaside. There are well-developed evangelistic, educational, medical and agricultural phases of the work, and there has been created a large constituency of intelligent, devoted, earnest and active men, women and young people who believe in the competency of the soul before God and lift mature hearts and minds to the face of their heavenly Father.

The questions which have been answered previously are the Editor's. Let me ask one of my own: What shall we Americans do in Washington and in the United Nations? The Philippines have been our most intimate contact with Asia. They would be the first casualty of another global conflict. America and the Philippines have *worked* together, *played* together, *quarrelled* together, *wept* together, *learned* together, and *dreamed* together. May we not now go on to *pray* together? May not the churches lead America to pray together with the Philippines and all Asia? The answer to such prayer? It will appear not in the increase of billions of dollars for armed force, but in a generous helpfulness and encouragement to all the delayed Asian civilizations as they struggle toward a fair and democratic standard of living.

Point four of America's foreign policy has been implemented with driplets. Such a program would cost not driplets, but billions: billions diverted from armaments to artizanship, from fighting to fellowship, from destruction to development. In the present world exigency, we need Asia as much as Asia needs us.

■ PERSONALITIES ■

New Director of Council On Missionary Cooperation

• THE COUNCIL on Missionary Cooperation announces the election (see page 303) of Rev. Ralph M. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento, Cal.,

as General Director of the Council to succeed Dr. Reuben E. Nelson who resigned a year ago to become General Secretary of the American Baptist Convention. During the intervening period Dr. Luther Wesley Smith has

been serving as Interim General Director and will continue so until December 31, 1951. On Easter Sunday Mr. Johnson presented his resignation to the Sacramento church where on April 15th he completed three years in its pas-



Ralph M. Johnson

torate. He begins his new service at Baptist Headquarters on May 15, 1951. Before assuming full active responsibility for promotion Mr. Johnson will spend several months on a visit to Baptist mission fields. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Redlands University and of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He also studied at the University of Hawaii, at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Following his year at the University of Hawaii he went on a trip around the world. During theological seminary courses he served churches as student pastor. Since seminary graduation he has had two pastorates, at the First Baptist Church in Yakima, Wash., and in Sacramento, Cal. During his Yakima pastorate the missionary giving of the church rose from \$1,500 to \$8,500 and the church contributed \$14,000 to the World Mission Crusade. Last year the Sacramento church received more than 200 members into its fellowship, the highest accession in a single year in its history. Mr. Johnson has served in numerous

denominational and interdenominational positions, such as President of the Washington State Council of Churches, Moderator of the Sacramento Baptist Association, President of the Northern California Ministers Council, and member of the Baptist Council on Finance and Promotion.

**Dr. Henry G. Smith
Will Preach Convention Sermon**

• DR. HENRY G. SMITH, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Denver, Col., was elected by the Convention at Boston, as preacher of the Convention sermon at Buffalo, N. Y. The sermon is scheduled for the opening session on Monday evening, June 11th, and will be followed by the Convention communion service. Alternate preacher is Rev. Fendwick T. Fowler of Salt Lake City, Utah. This year's Convention preacher is a graduate of Shurtleff College and of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Previous pastorates included Berwick, Ill., Lincoln, Neb., and the Temple Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill. He has served as a member of the Council on Missionary Cooperation, as its Chairman in 1939-1940, and as Vice President of the American Baptist Home



Henry G. Smith

Mission Society. He is a member of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of Managers. In Colorado he served for three years as Vice President of the State Convention. The Calvary Baptist Church of which he has been pastor since 1933 leads all Colorado Baptist churches in its contributions to the unified missionary budget of the American Baptist Convention.

**Dr. John Calvin Slemp
Appointed Associate Editor**

• THE ADMINISTRATIVE Committee of the Council on Missionary Cooperation, on the recommendation of the Committee on MISSIONS, announces the appointment of Dr. John Calvin Slemp as Associate Editor. Dr. Slemp has a fine editorial background and experience that well qualifies him for this service. In 1924 he was graduated from Carson-Newman College, which in 1935 conferred on him the honorary D.D. degree. In 1929 he was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with the Th.M. degree. He was Professor of English at Carson-Newman College, 1924-



John Calvin Slemp

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MATCHED PEARLS IN CUBA

... *The Pearl of the Antilles for the Pearl of Great Price* ...

The fascinating account of a second preaching and stewardship mission to Cuba. The itinerary included large city churches as well as visits to remote, isolated jungle villages off the beaten path of rail, automobile, and airplane transportation



The palm tree grove at Cespedes, Cuba, where the coconut trees, flattened by hurricanes, had remained prostrate for a time and then had again soared upward. For a description see page 280



In this delightful and restful grove Baptists of Cuba held a pastors' and a laymen's conference during Dr. Conrad's visit. The photograph shows Dr. Oscar Rodriguez addressing the conference

By PAUL H. CONRAD

BEFORE an American has been in Cuba very long, he is apt to hear someone speak proudly of his country as "The Pearl of the Antilles." It is a time honored appellation of this enchanting island. Although the Caribbean Sea abounds in picturesque islands, Cuba justifies its likeness to a costly jewel by its abounding fertility,

watered, and fed by its many rivers and ranges of low mountains. Cuba is dear to the heart of the average American because of its link with mutually significant history, the traditional landing of Columbus on the eastern tip of the island near the spot where the quaint little city of Baracoa now lies, near San Juan Hill, where Theodore Roosevelt led

his liberating charge, and near the present protective U. S. Naval Base at Guantanamo.

American Baptists may be humbly happy over the fact that their missionaries have been among the first to establish an evangelical work in the island and that their labors have been among the most effective of any agency of North American churches. So the purpose of my second visit to Cuba was to see the extent of our ministry to our Cuban neighbors and to render any possible service in interpreting the responsibilities and rewards of Christian Stewardship. To this end our brilliant and devoted general missionary, Dr. Oscar Rodriguez, worked out a cross-sectional pattern of preaching and teaching engagements in different types of our 127 churches, conferences with pastors and workers individually and collectively, and opportunities for observation. During the latter part of the tour he accompanied me.

Landing at Camaguey in the early afternoon I was pleasantly surprised to be met at the airport by Dr. Luis Antonio Diaz Oms, District Governor of Rotary International. He assisted me in a quick clearance of Immigration and Customs requirements and in getting transportation to Santiago. Back of this courteous welcome was the thoughtfulness of Rev. Augusto Abella, president of the Cuban Baptist Convention, who could not get to Camaguey personally to meet me, and therefore arranged to have Dr. Oms act as host.

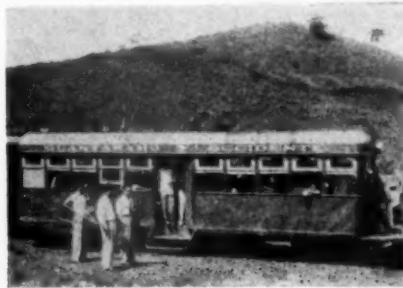
Rev. Mario Casanella, a graduate of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago,

Ill., and now pastor of the Primera Iglesia Bautista (First Baptist Church) of Santiago, welcomed me at the airport of that city and we renewed a happy acquaintance as we drove directly to the fine church edifice where we had met in the 50th Anniversary Convention of the year before. This edifice is ample enough to house the new theological seminary, now in its second year.

That evening we had our first general service. The leading members of the First and Third Baptist Churches joined with those of the Second Church. The eagerness of those Baptists to welcome a brother from the United States was deeply moving. Brother Mario had his first experience as an interpreter and really did a fine job with my message. He continued to travel with me and perform the same function for several days. It proved to be one of my most delightful experiences in Christian fellowship.

The second day was devoted to a trip into the hills to see our most successful and valued rural field, called distinctively, "Realengo 18." First we flew from Santiago to Guantanamo at 6 A.M., there to be met by the prominent and beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. J. Luis Molina. He took charge of us for the rest of the day and night. We continued our journey by gasoline train, then by a dinky gasoline car over bumpy rails to a very muddy little whistle stop called Marcos Sanchez. That little car had seats for only 36, but 98 managed to get in by a contraction process quite familiar to me as a New York subway rider.

LEFT: The Baptist Church at Baracoa, Cuba. CENTER: The crowded gasoline train to Marcos Sanchez. RIGHT: Senor O. Abella, Dr. Conrad, and Rev. E. Jardines



Accompanying us also was kindly, jolly Secretary Juan B. Carmona, of the Cuban Baptist Home Mission Society. From him I learned that there are 37 mission churches for the Haitians in Cuba under the direction of his society. Thus this most alert and promising mission field is in turn a projector of missions. That is one of the surest signs of the kind of results which we seek in all of our missionary ministry. It might well be a standard for all of our effort on a worldwide scale if its effectiveness were measured by the vision which it catches of sending out the light to others.

At Marcos Sanchez we were provided with horses and drove from there for almost two hours over narrow roadways impassable for automobiles. At length we came to the little church in the center of the area, called "Realengo 18." Here we were greeted by 138 people who were headed by the unusually capable and dynamic pastor, the Rev. Luis Felipe Chibas. One seldom sees such eagerness as these good people who had come long distances on foot or horseback to attend a stewardship rally! We began the service at 11:30 and continued until 2 o'clock, then repaired to the thatched roof summer house at the rear of the church for a sumptuous repast. The downpour of rain which began just then, disproved any theory that a thatched roof, no matter how thick, is always waterproof. My plate was liberally sprinkled during the meal, but my advanced stage of hunger would not permit me to be fussy. It was a steep, wet drive back down to the railway car, but we made it without incident, except for the manifest concern of the pastor and other members of the party for the safety of "the Americano."

The church at Guantanamo was the scene of an interesting evening session, attended by delegations from other Baptist churches in the area. The entire program was in charge of the young people of the entertaining church. Their talent and their splendid training in the conduct of a meeting was a credit to missionary training, as well as innate ability of the young people themselves.

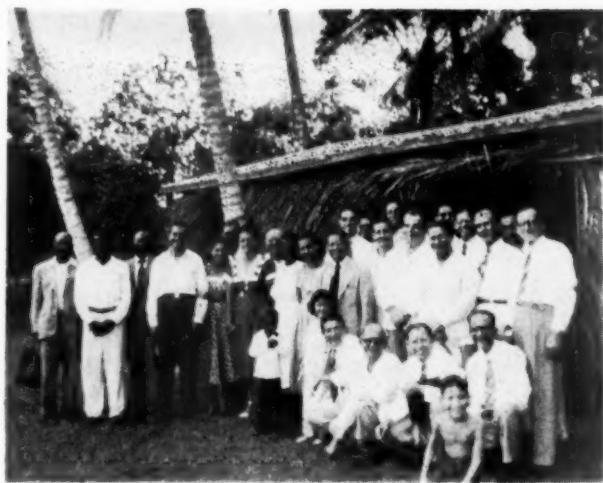
The next day was the first of two unforgettable days of experience in deep Christian fellowship. Mr. Casanella and I took the Cuban Airline plane from Guantanamo to Baracoa. This is the only way of access to this lovely town at the eastern end of the island, except a long, slow journey by boat. There is no railway or highway over the mountains, although there is one under construction. It has been completed for a distance of approximately 30 miles from Baracoa westward.

I was anxious to spend a little time in this quaint city, since it is the home of Miss Hilda Abella, who was then endearing herself to the hearts of American Baptists, as she filled speaking engagements at women's meetings and youth assemblies in the United States. Because we had been privileged to receive this fine Christian young woman and introduce her to these various opportunities for service, the entire family wanted to show their gratitude to American Baptists. So they were at the airport to receive us with all the warmth of Christian love that is so characteristic of our Cuban neighbors when they come to the full saving experience through Christ.

Hilda's father received me with warm embrace. We were welcomed also by two of the four lovely sisters and her one brother, and made guests of honor in their home. Although people of limited means, they went out of



Luncheon at the workers conference at Cespedes



The pastors' and laymen's conference at Cespedes

their way to entertain us with most generous hospitality and to show us the many things of interest in that self-contained community.

The evening session in the Baracoa church, which was conducted by the Rev. Gabriel Jardines, was an unforgettable experience. With ill-concealed depth of emotion, he welcomed me to Hilda's home church and expressed to American Baptists through me the gratitude which he and his church felt for the hospitality and opportunity which we had given to their "ambassador," upon her first visit to the United States. He gave expression to the gratitude which they all felt for the interest which their American brothers have shown through the channels of our American Baptist Home Mission Society in their work.

From then on until the second day following, when we reluctantly had to take our leave, we were invited to the homes of the leading members of the church for meals, and were given every attention by Mr. Abella and his family. If American Baptists had done no more than help the Baracoa church to produce such members as Hilda Abella and her entire Christian family, and give aid to the Baracoa church, it would be an outstanding investment in the Kingdom enterprise.

Another sample of the eagerness of the various Baptist congregations to greet and express their brotherly love for visiting Baptist workers, came on the return flight from Baracoa to Santiago. Our first landing was

at Cayo Mambi. They and their pastor had been at the airport for the early morning plane, which, unfortunately, could not seat us, so they returned again in large numbers for this noon-day plane. They showered us with their expressions of Christian greeting and wished that we might linger with them for some time, but we had just enough minutes to express the greetings of American Baptists when the plane was ready to take off again.

From Santiago that afternoon we went to Bayamo by de-luxe bus, which would rival the best offered in our own land. A fine crowd greeted us that evening. This was also a regional stewardship conference and those present came from at least a dozen different churches and from some of the other mission groups, even including the Salvation Army in that area. Pastor Victor Lobaina gave us a royal welcome and outlined some of the achievements of the work in that area with the help of missionary leadership.

In Victoria de las Tunas the next day, we found a live and thriving little church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Arsenio Fernandez. Pouring rain throughout the entire evening limited the attendance of some of the outlying groups, but we had a most interesting session followed by pointed questions as to the best stewardship program.

It was here that Dr. Oscar Rodriguez joined Mr. Carmona and me for the remainder of the trip. Our experience the next day, which was Sunday, in Céspedes, was one of the most thrilling of the sojourn in Cuba. We gathered together that morning in a coconut grove at the rear of the property maintained by Rev. Evelio Jardines. Some 40 workers, including pastors, religious education workers, and missionaries to the Haitian group, considered problems of teaching stewardship to their people and putting the financial and administrative program of the church on a sound spiritual basis. At noontime, luncheon was spread on a long table under the coconut trees, and the warm but live temperature of the day whetted our appetites. The setting itself was enchanting.

These coconut trees tell a mute story of the upward look that should characterize the Christian when beset by trial and tribulation. Due to severe hurricanes, most of these trees had been flattened at one time. They apparently remained for a while in that prostrate position with the trunks parallel to the ground, and then began to grow upward again, so that now they seem to come up out of the ground, bend over at a sharp 45 degree angle, running for a distance of four or five feet, then turn straight upward again, and point their fronded tops to the sky.

We continued in this suggestive setting for an afternoon forum on church methods. I have never led a conference in which there was more eager and pointed participation on

the part of all present. Dr. Rodriguez closed with a most impressive devotional period.

We continued then by train to Camaguey where my final evening service was held. A large congregation was on hand, and Pastor Rafael Gregorich expressed most feelingly the pleasure of his church in receiving one who came in the name of American Baptists, and of the One whom we all love and serve. It was with deep emotion that I preached my final sermon that evening, and with an inner gratitude to God for a most treasured experience in my Christian ministry.

Surely Cuban Baptists are recognizing the value of the incomparable Pearl and are doing their utmost to match the Pearl of the Antilles with this Pearl of Great Price.



A WELCOME TO BUFFALO

By ROBERT N. ZEARFOSS

THERE is a legend that the name for this year's Convention city comes from a misspelling of the French word for "Beautiful River." As you come to Buffalo and drive along the Niagara River and view from the Canadian side of the Peace Bridge the skyline of the largest flour-milling center in the world, you too will be impressed by the beauty of this city.

This is old Indian territory. It is really men like Rev. David Owl at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation and our Indian friends at the Tuscarora and Tonawanda reservations who give the real "native" welcome to you. As you visit Buffalo and journey to nearby Niagara Falls, you will be impressed with the rich Indian atmosphere of this historic area on the Niagara Frontier.

We welcome you to the beautiful avenues of Buffalo, the grandeur of its tree-lined streets and its spacious parks, to its museums and art galleries, to the historic quaintness of

restored Old Fort Niagara on nearby Lake Ontario and Old Fort Erie nearby.

The Baptists of Buffalo welcome you. We are thankful for the 140-year history of Baptist pioneering in this area. We shall do all in our power to make your stay enjoyable and inspiring. We shall be more than happy to acquaint you with our churches and our mission projects.

The citizens of the community welcome you. The Convention Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Administration, and the Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County look forward with joy to your coming.

On behalf of the Buffalo Baptist Association, The Baptist Missionary Society of the State of New York, and the churches of our city we welcome you and trust that your visit will be an inspiration.

THE BUFFALO COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Robert N. Zearfoss, Chairman

The Far West Really Began at Buffalo

The city in which the American Baptist Convention meets this year was once the beginning of the Far West, is rich in associations with early American history, with Baptist progress, and with the spread of the gospel among the American Indians

By CHRIS E. LAWSON

Chancel of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, the largest Baptist church in Buffalo, N. Y. Pastor Robert N. Zearfoss is the chairman of the local committee of arrangements



By invitation of this church the Convention will hold a Communion Service in the opening night, Monday, June 11, 1951. See pages 285-286 for the detailed program of the Convention

BAPTISTS who attend the American Baptist Convention at Buffalo next month will be following the trail blazed by their forebears 149 years ago. A document in our files shows that in 1802 the Baptists of Eastern New York, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts "appointed Lemuel Covell and Obed Warren as missionaries who pushed on through the far West even to Buffalo, a small village in the mouth of a creek by the same name just at the foot of Lake Erie, having no stated meetings for Christian worship nor any religious society formed."

Baptists who this summer venture "far west, even to Buffalo" will see the fruits of the stewardship of those who have followed Lemuel Covell and Obed Warren, and later Elkanah Holmes, a Baptist missionary to the Indians whose sermon in the parlor of a Buffalo hotel in December 30, 1813 was inter-

rupted by the British and Indian attack in which the entire village was burned.

Evangelistic and missionary work in Buffalo has been fostered and implemented for 70 years by the City Mission Society, (The Buffalo Baptist Union) which was organized in 1880 by 20 men who met in a home on Delaware Avenue near the present site of the Touraine Hotel in which many 1951 Convention delegates will be housed. In the first 50 years of its existence the Union sponsored the establishment of more than 30 churches, providing financial as well as ecclesiastical and spiritual assistance. In its first half-century the Union saw Buffalo's population increase from 155,000 to nearly 600,000, the entire net increase representing immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe, especially Italy, Hungary and Poland.

It is fitting, therefore, that Buffalo has the oldest Polish Baptist Church and the first

completely organized Italian Baptist Church in the United States. These are the Baptist Church of Our Saviour (Polish), and the Edison Street Baptist Church.

Pastor Richard A. Mikolon, who has served the Polish Church for the past nine years, gratefully testifies that he owes his conversion to Christianity, his training and his missionary career, to the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Converted by the testimony of one of the Society's missionaries in a Pennsylvania mining town, Mr. Mikolon was trained at the International Seminary, and has given his life to home missions.

Delegates to the convention who can find time to visit the Edison Street Baptist Church will see a beautiful and well equipped church and a splendid example of a home missions project. Fostered and assisted by the Union from its beginning in 1894, the church has become entirely self-supporting and is returning the denomination's investment with interest "a hundred fold." No longer "bilingual," the church serves the whole community in which it is located. It has given the

Association some of its finest leaders including the retired Pastor, Peter E. Saltarelli who served the church for 20 years and still renders valuable service to the Association in many ways. The President of the Association, Paul P. Creola, is a member of this Italian Church.

The Association conducts two Christian Centers in areas of great need. The Hickory Street Center serves a community inhabited by a Negro population which has increased from 1,773 in 1910 to nearly 20,000. In this section the Welfare Department's public assistance case load is exceptionally heavy. Broken homes and consequent delinquency are among the problems constantly facing the workers at the Center. In this environment our Hickory Street Staff is helping boys and girls from the Nursery to Young Adulthood to find Christian ideals, guidance and friendship, and wholesome recreation. Mrs. Lillian J. Coan, founder and acting Director of the Center, with a fine staff will welcome Convention visitors.

When the Emmanuel Baptist Church was just about ready to follow in the steps of more

FIVE REPRESENTATIVE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE BUFFALO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LEFT: First Baptist, the oldest Polish Baptist Church in the United States, Church of our Saviour; CENTER: Lafayette Avenue Baptist Church, Pleasant Valley (Indian) Baptist Church; RIGHT: South Park Baptist Church, Delavan Avenue Baptist Church



than a dozen other Protestant churches and close its doors, the Association and the Home Mission Society came to the rescue. The service of the church to a needy community was expanded through the establishment of a Christian Center. So today, while buildings formerly occupied by churches that closed their doors permanently, are being occupied by such unchurchly tenants as taverns, club houses, and theaters, the Emmanuel Christian Center stands out as the only remaining Protestant church in the community. It is a lighthouse, a source of refuge for hundreds of lonely and often bewildered boys and girls. The Emmanuel Baptist Church is today strong and has in recent months received more new members than for any similar period in many years.

A fine tribute was recently paid the Reverend Ralph R. Rott, Director of Emmanuel Christian Center, by the Westside Kiwanis Club. In a Sunday worship service of the church, a representative of the Kiwanis presented Mr. Rott with a Citation naming him as the man who had rendered the greatest service to the community during 1950. Mr. Rott was chosen for this honor by a committee consisting of a Jew, two Roman Catholics and two Protestants, one of the latter being a minister of another denomination.

Fellowship within the Buffalo Baptist Association is enriched by many interesting and inspiring personalities. Known to his friends as the "Dean" of Buffalo ministers is Pastor J. Edward Nash, now 83 years old, who has



ABOVE: Moderator D. N. Tubbs of the Buffalo Baptist Association, Pastor Robert N. Zearfoss (see page 280), President Paul P. Creola of the Buffalo Baptist Association. BELOW: Rev. P. E. Salterelli, Rev. Nicholas I. Sylwesiuk, Secretary Chris E. Lawson, Rev. John Lebmann, Rev. Richard A. Mikolon



been the pastor of the Michigan Avenue Negro Baptist Church for the past 60 years.

Ten years ago, when Dr. Nash celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in the ministry, the Buffalo papers gave extensive coverage to the event, and the whole religious community joined in the celebration. Dr. Nash was characterized as a "powerfully-built Virginian, son of Negro slave parents who rose to a position of esteem in the ministry." The word "esteem" is quite inadequate to describe the feeling of Buffalonians for Dr. Nash. The only adequate word is that old Christian word "love," since his own great love for all men begets a corresponding love in the hearts of all who know him.

Another great Negro Baptist leader is Dr. Elijah J. Echols, for 33 years pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, the largest church in our fellowship. Efforts are currently being made to bring about a closer fellowship between the Association and several other outstanding Negro churches with whom we believe cooperation can be mutually helpful.

The Hungarian and Russian churches are strong and active, and are moving forward under the leadership of pastors who just a few months ago were Displaced Persons.

Pastor Nicholas I. Sylwesiuk, of the First Russian-Ukrainian Baptist Church has a history of being persecuted for Christ's sake which sounds like a page from the story of early Christian Martyrdom. As a lad he saw his mother beaten because of her profession of Christianity. He feels that his acceptance of Christ and the ministry is the answer to her dying prayers. While himself suffering persecution by Russian Communists, he saw his brother-in-law, also a Christian minister, die of starvation in a Russian prison camp. It is no wonder that one who has paid so much to be faithful is concerned with the "lightness with which most Americans regard Christianity."

Buffalo Baptists rejoice in the new vitality and numerical as well as spiritual growth which the First Hungarian Baptist Church is experiencing under the leadership of Pastor John Lehmann. A graduate of the Franz Liszt

Music Academy at Budapest, Mr. Lehman has many interests in addition to his greatest passion which is proclaiming the gospel.

Ever since the days of the *Ne Jaguhnigo-agewsathah* the Indians of the Buffalo area have heard and preached the gospel. In case you are not right up on your Indian languages, that strange phrase above is simply the name of one of the earliest publications in the Seneca language. This was *The Mental Elevator* and was intended by its publisher, Asher Wright, to elevate the culture, morals and religious life of the Indians. Mr. Wright may not have been a Baptist, but he had Baptist colleagues back in 1831, and the Baptists of this area have long sought to share the gospel with the Indians.

Buffalo Baptists enjoy the fellowship of fellow-Christians of three nearby Indian reservations, Cattaraugus, Tonawanda, and Tuscarora, though only the former is within the Association. For 27 years Pastor David Owl, of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on the Cattaraugus Reservation, has been the religious and cultural leader of his people.

Misses Ethel Knapp and Esther Scriber have served the Tonawanda Indian Church for more than a quarter of a century. This church and the Tuscarora Indian Church are receiving some long-needed improvements to their buildings through use of World Mission Crusade Funds. All three churches expect visits from delegates to the Convention. If any reader can come to the Convention a day earlier and worship in either of these churches, all within 30 miles of Buffalo, he will enjoy a great thrill. Ask the Indians to include a few Seneca hymns, and you will hear music that you will long remember.

The Buffalo Baptist Association is a Standard Baptist City Society of the American Baptist Convention. It carries out its program of missions, evangelism and Christian Education through an Executive Committee and 12 standing committees. The Association is happy, with the Cooperation of the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New York, to entertain the American Baptist Convention in June.

The American Baptist Convention

Buffalo, N. Y., June 11-15, 1951

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Convention Theme: "Beginning at Jerusalem"

Convention Text: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."—*Luke 24:7.*

Convention Purpose: Strengthening the Home Church for its World Task.

Monday, June 11

EVENING SESSION

7:30. Worship Service with Communion, upon invitation of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

Minister of Worship—Rev. Kenneth L. Maxwell. Convention Sermon by Rev. Henry G. Smith.

Music by the Choir of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.

Minister of Communion—Rev. Robert N. Zearfoss.

Tuesday, June 12

FORENOON SESSION

8:00. Bible Study—Prof. W. Everett Griffiths. Mission Study—Rev. William Keech.

9:10. Devotional Moments—Rev. Charles E. Boddie.

9:10. Message of Welcome.

9:15. Convention Business. Reports of General Council and Council on Missionary Cooperation. Instruction to State Delegations.

10:00. President's Address — Rev. Edward Hughes Pruden.

10:40. Introductions of Chiefs of Chaplains, American Baptist Chaplains, and Fraternal Delegates.

11:00. Convention at Worship—Rev. Charles L. Seasholes.

11:40. Meetings of State Delegations.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00. Devotional Moments—Rev. Ralph Johnson.

2:10. The Home Church and the World Task. Address, "We Begin with the Individual"—Rev. Verner I. Olsen.

2:35. Convention Business. Fraternal Delegates.

2:55. Music.

3:00. Foreign Mission Program to feature the 80th anniversary of the Woman's American Bap-

tist Foreign Mission Society, the Assam Opportunity, and a Report on the Japan Opportunity.

4:00. Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. Annual Report. Address, "The New Retiring Pension Program," by Sec. M. Forest Ashbrook.

5:00. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

7:00. Music.

7:30. Plans for Laymen's Work. Speaker to be announced. Message, "Achievements and Plans in Men's Work," Sec. Edwin W. Parsons.

8:00. Address, "The Home Church in Relation to the International Situation." Speaker to be announced.

9:00. To be announced.

Wednesday, June 13

FORENOON SESSION

8:00. Bible Study—Prof. W. Everett Griffiths. Mission Study—Secretaries Lincoln Wadsworth, Wilbur Larson, Mrs. Milo E. Wenger, Miss Dorothy A. Stevens.

9:00. Devotional Moments—Rev. Carl Dawkins.

9:10. The Home Church and the World Task. Address, "The Year Around Program of Evangelism," Rev. Norman W. Paullin.

9:40. The Home Church and its Ecumenical Relationships. Interpreted by representatives of The Baptist World Alliance, the National Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches.

11:00. Music.

11:10. Convention Business.

11:25. The Convention at Worship—Rev. Charles L. Seasholes.

12:00. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00. Devotional Moments—Rev. Kermit Olson.

2:10. Report of Committee on Public Affairs, Sec. J. M. Dawson.

2:25. Report of American Bible Society, Sec. Francis C. Stifler.

2:45. Convention Business. Reports of Division of Education in Home, Church, and Community, of Christian Publications Division, of Student Aid Committee.

4:00. Address, "What is Ahead for Home Missions?" Rev. Herman Morse.

4:30. Address by a foreign missionary to be announced.

5:00. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

7:00. Music.

7:30. "The Training of Ministers and Missionaries and Laymen on our College Campuses," Rev. Gene E. Bartlett.

7:45. Baptist Youth Fellowship.

8:30. Address, "The Order of the Yoke," Prof. T. Elton Trueblood.

Thursday, June 14

FORENOON SESSION

8:00. Bible Study—Prof. W. Everett Griffiths. Mission Study—Secretaries John E. Skoglund, Hazel F. Shank, Dorothy A. Stevens.

9:00. Devotional Moments — Rev. Edward Dowdy.

9:10. Report of Convention Finance Committee.

9:20. The Home Church and the World Task. Address, "Stewardship and the World Task," Sec. Luther Wesley Smith.

9:55. The Home Church and its Ministerial and Missionary Leadership, a visual presentation and panel discussion by ministers and laymen.

11:15. Convention Business.

11:25. The Convention at Worship—Rev. Charles L. Seasholes.

12:00. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00. Devotional Moments—Rev. Carl J. Spieker.

2:10. Convention Business. Reports of Committees on Nominations and on Resolutions.

3:00. The Council on Home Mission Agencies. A dramatization.

4:00. Address by a foreign missionary to be announced.

4:30. Report on Green Lake.

5:00. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

7:30. Dramatic Presentation of 40th anniversary of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.

8:00. Address, "The Importance of the Home Church to the World Task," Pres. F. Townley Lord of the Baptist World Alliance.

8:30. Address, "The Racial Attitude of the Home Church and the World Situation," Pres. Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College.

9:00. Adjournment.

Friday, June 15

FORENOON SESSION

8:00. Bible Study—Prof. W. Everett Griffiths. Mission Study—Secretaries Elsie P. Kappen and Florence Stansbury.

9:00. Devotional Moments, Rev. Herman C. Rice.

9:10. Convention Business. Annual meetings corporate of national societies for election of officers and boards of managers. Adoption of resolutions.

11:25. The Convention at Worship—Rev. Charles L. Seasholes.

12:00. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00. Devotional Moments—Rev. A. M. Hintz.

2:10. Report of Council on Christian Social Progress. Address, "Meeting the Social Issues of our Time through the Home Church," Rev. L. B. Moseley.

3:45. Report of American Baptist Historical Society.

3:50. Convention Business.

4:00. Association of American Baptist Educational Institutions.

4:30. Home Mission Agencies Reporting on Indian Missions. Messages by Rev. David Owl and Secretary Dorothy Bucklin.

5:00. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

7:00. Music.

7:30. Missionary Program. Presentation of home and foreign missionaries. Consecration service for new missionaries and supporting constituency.

9:30. Final adjournment.

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Are We About to Plunge Over the Precipice of Militarism?

BY all signs, July 9, 1951, may be a fateful date in American history and the Ides of March for the American people.

On that date the Draft Law expires and Congress will have enacted new legislation to replace it. If the advocates of peacetime conscription have their way, it will mean permanent compulsory military service for every 18-year-old boy and transplanting to America the obnoxious militarization that for centuries has cursed Europe. To the America that we have known and loved so long, it means farewell. The lesson of history, which nobody ever learns, is that peacetime conscription never prevented war. Yet so determined are the advocates of peacetime conscription that General George C. Marshall had to appeal to mothers to support it.

Admittedly a grave emergency faces the American people today. *But the alleged threat to American freedom from outside cannot be so serious as to jeopardize American freedom from within.* "The failure to set

a definite limit upon the proposed legislation will likely have portentous effects," says Military Columnist Hanson W. Baldwin of *The New York Times*. "In the name of emergency we must be careful in our defense program not to lose at home the very things we are trying to defend abroad." Peacetime conscription of every 18-year-old boy will have disastrous effects on education, will close many colleges, throw thousands of professors out of employment, and undermine the cultural and moral foundation of the nation. "Universal conscription was the heart of the Hitler system. There is neither liberty nor democracy in it," says Director John Swomley of the National Council Against Conscription. One of the tersest arguments against it was voiced in a radio broadcast by Chairman C. F. Ortkoff of the Society of Quakers who said, "The proposed law is endless in duration, is alien and foreign to a concept which we hold as free men." Moreover, it is not popular. A mother of six sons was reported in *The New York Herald Tribune* to have said, "Do not call me a wonderful patriotic mother. These boys are not going because I think it is patriotic, but because they have to go and there is nothing I can do about it." If she had any daughters, what would she say about a speech by Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton? As wartime commander of the Waves and now Vice-President of the National Council of Churches, she is reported to have urged military registration of women and to have said to the Radcliffe Club, "If we as a people go to war, *we go together—men, women, little children!* (Italics by MISSIONS.) What a lovely commentary on our so-called Christian civilization!

Surely there must be enough solid Christian conviction left in these United States to prevail upon Congress, although recognizing the need of wartime draft of manpower, not to plunge the American people down the militaristic precipice of permanent peacetime conscription. "The garrison state is coming into existence in the democracies," warned Director Edwin R. Walker of the U. S. Federal Civil Defense. For Julius Caesar the Ides

of March was a fateful and tragic date. Will tomorrow's historian record July 9, 1951 as a similarly tragic and fateful date for the American people?

Who Can Answer These Questions About the Rearmament of Germany?

THE American proposal, against the reluctance of Britain, the fear of France, and the opposition of Russia, to rearm Germany, is perhaps the most dangerous proposal thus far made in this era of postwar tension and confusion. Desperate indeed, and apparently without moral resource, is the leadership which thus repudiates the grim American denunciation of the German Kaiser's militarism of 1914-1918 and of the militarism of Adolf Hitler of 1939-1945. Both times we were told that German militarism was a cancer that had to be eradicated. Billions of dollars in property values were destroyed in the process and millions of lives were slaughtered. Has all this sacrifice been in vain?

Aside from these larger considerations, several terrifying questions must be asked. Nobody seems to have an answer.

Will German youth enthusiastically march again to war when all around they see the ruined German cities, blasted by American and British bombs, and in their moving picture theatres they see the news reels of the frightful destruction in Korea? Who can persuade the Germans to rearm after their soldiers have been dishonored, their armies discredited, their militarism denounced, and their generals ignominiously hanged?

Will Russia carry out the threat to oppose German rearmament and thus precipitate the Third World War? Will German rearmament give the Czechs and the Poles a magnificent opportunity, and for them a much to be desired excuse, as if handed on a golden platter, to wreak vengeance on Germany for what Hitler did to Lidici and Warsaw?

Since rearmament means that Germans in the West will be expected to fight Germans in the East, will the Germans really fight their brothers for the benefit of Americans and British who destroyed their country? Since

soldiers must have heroes to emulate, what heroes will be suggested to the Germans for emulation, Bismarck, the Kaiser, Hindenburg, Goering, Hitler, or one of the generals who was hanged?

All wars must have propaganda war aims and must offer war rewards. What reward will be offered to the Germans? Will it be the restoration of their lost territory that was handed over to Poland and Russia? What happens then if Russia bribes the Germans with an offer to return that territory *without war* if the Germans switch sides and make another alliance with Russia as Ribbentrop and Molotov did in 1939? Ribbentrop was hanged while Molotov was not even indicted.

There is also a theological aspect here which the student of history must ponder deeply. A moral law operates in our universe, or does it? The German Minister of the Interior was reported recently to have said, "God did not twice strike the sword from the hands of Germany in order to permit Germany for the third time to pick it up again."

Will the rearmament of Germany be another ghastly international blunder for which a terrible price will have to be paid? The American people had better seriously consider that question before it is too late.

A Roman Catholic Tribute To an American Baptist Missionary

ONE night last December a company of Chinese communist soldiers arrested Dr. William L. Wallace, Southern Baptist medical missionary at the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow, China. For 15 years he had served the Chinese people in the spirit of the Great Physician. The communists had no charge against him. He was unusually popular with the people. But in the minds of the communists he represented western imperialism. So they had to invent a charge by claiming to have found a gun in his bedroom. The doctor vigorously denied that he had ever owned a gun. But off to prison on that cold December night the communists took him, clad only in his pajamas. Later a faithful servant was permitted to bring his clothes. Last month the

U. S. Department of State reported having learned of his death in prison on February 10, 1951. From Hong Kong Secretary B. J. Cauthen of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board cabled that Dr. Wallace was buried in the Christian cemetery in Wuchow.

One of the finest tributes to this Baptist missionary came from the Roman Catholic Church which also has a mission in Wuchow. Dr. Wallace had often treated the priests and the nuns when they were ill with malaria or other tropical diseases. In *The New York Times* in a published tribute Dr. Thomas Brack of the Roman Catholic Foreign Mission Society praised Dr. Wallace's ministry as "a vocation of sacrifice and love," and described him as "interesting himself in every patient, going untiringly from operating room to bedside, in a never-ending round of charity, helping the refugees, the sick, and the maimed. The only possible sentence the communists could have passed on him was that he went about doing good. The priests and the nuns of the Wuchow Diocese mourn the loss of Dr. Wallace whose friendship they esteemed. Although Chinese governments may come and go, in the eyes of thousands of Chinese his name will always bring a light of gratitude."

In their church systems Baptists and Roman Catholics have little in common. In their ecclesiastical polity and political purpose they are as far apart as the poles. In the solemn presence of sacrificial service and nobility of Christian character they transcend their differences and find themselves of one accord in recognizing a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Dead Soldiers—Are They War Profits And Pleasing Sights to the Eyes?

IN these days of tension it is important constantly to remember that people everywhere are extremely sensitive to unwise and regrettable public comments, whether by civilians or officials.

The sensitivity of the people of Asia was recently evidenced in their resentment to a comment by General Douglas MacArthur.

On an inspection tour of Korea he was reported in *Worldover Press* to have said, "The sight of dead North Korean soldiers is good for my old eyes." That remark caused a highly unfavorable reaction in India whose people regard themselves and the Koreans as fellow Asians. How would American mothers react, whose sons are dead in Korea, if a North Korean General or a Chinese Communist General said that his eyes found pleasure in seeing dead American soldiers?

In the Philippine Islands an American lost his business because he said publicly, "It is the creed of the Filipinos to steal." He was immediately charged with criminal slander and compelled humbly to apologize in court. The prosecutor agreed to drop the charge only when the American agreed to leave the Philippine Islands never to return. That was a costly insult. Such a comment could easily change influential Filipino people from friends to enemies, from American allies to communist supporters.

Another regrettable incident was the report in a New York newspaper by a columnist who wrote, "Our strategy in selling space in Korea for enemy blood has paid dividends, probably not as large dividends as our casualty claims indicate, but *nevertheless profits when viewed in the ledger of war.* (Italics by *MISSIONS*.) Neither the mothers of dead Koreans or dead Chinese nor the mothers of dead Americans will approve reference to their dead as war profits. Moreover, the horrible title, "Operation Killer," given to our latest Korean military campaign, has greatly accentuated sensitivity to the horrors of war. "I feel deeply ashamed of anybody using such an expression about human beings, be they friend or foe," wrote an American woman in *The New York Herald Tribune*.

If the American people are to be expected morally to support and financially to sustain a long war between Americans and Asians, it will not promote such support when military leaders, columnists, business men, refer to casualties as war profits, slander Oriental people, officially announce a military cam-

paign as "operation killer," and look upon dead soldiers as pleasing sights to the eyes. War is too hideous and ghastly to be interpreted in terms of profits and pleasurable visual sensations. Everybody recalls General W. T. Sherman's classic comment, "War is hell." By that he never meant that the sight of dead Confederate soldiers was pleasing in his eyes. More in keeping with war's monstrous horror would be a little more attention to an ancient warning. They that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

A Prayer for the Buffalo Convention

ETERNAL Son of God, we thank Thee for Thy gracious promise that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou art in the midst of them.

We pray for the fulfillment of that promise as we gather for our annual Convention. May our one purpose be the building of Thy Kingdom. May our one desire be to magnify Thee. Yet how futile our meeting, how short-sighted our planning, how insignificant our program, and all our endeavor, unless Thy presence shall be experienced in our midst.

Grant us Thy spirit that we may conquer all our selfishness and littleness.

Grant us Thy wisdom that we may know how to carry forward Thy work.

Grant us Thy compassion that we may be moved by the needs of our war-torn, sin-cursed world.

Grant us new confidence in Thy gospel as the power of God and the only power adequate for a day like this.

Grant us a vision of Thy cross that shall humble us into great sacrifice, that shall prompt in us real consecration and that shall reunite us in fellowship and purpose.

So may our meeting be fruitful, and through it may Thy Kingdom be advanced in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by RYLAND KNIGHT, in *The Christian Index*.

Editorial Comment

★ THERE MUST HAVE BEEN considerable anti-British feeling throughout the United States in 1920 when the American Baptist Convention last met in Buffalo, N. Y. The records include a resolution, presented by the late Dr. Carter Helm Jones and unanimously adopted, which deplored that "certain agitators are manifestly seeking to disturb, if not

THE GREAT DELUSION

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ALCOHOLISM IN OHIO

AS reported in *The Plain Dealer* of Cleveland, Ohio, one person out of every 32 in Ohio is a confirmed alcoholic. (MISSIONS is indebted to Mr. James A. Van Kleeck of Lakewood, Ohio, for the clipping.) Ohio has more than 250,000 alcoholics in its population. "This is now a major public health problem," declares the report of the Ohio Commission on Chronic Alcoholism. "It places Ohio among the 10 top alcoholic states in the nation."

The Commission wants special legislation dealing with the problem and the creation of a Division of Alcoholism in the Ohio Department of Health to be financed by tax receipts from the sale of liquor. It is almost funny. Liquor is made available to the public. Then the public is taxed for the cost of overcoming the evil effects of its indulgence.

According to the same report, alcoholism in Ohio has increased alarmingly in five years, from 207,000 cases in 1945 to 254,000 in 1950. Other statistics are likewise terrifying. One in every five mental cases coming before the court in 1949 for commitment to mental institutions was an alcoholic. Half of the admissions to state correctional institutions in the same year were problem drinkers. Almost one third of all arrests in 1948 were for intoxication.

These figures could probably be matched by other states, and in some cases probably exceeded. The American people were never assured 18 years ago, when they were persuaded by the deceptive propaganda of the liquor interests to vote for the legalized return of liquor, that such things would happen.

destroy, friendly relations between the United States and Great Britain." The resolution also protested "against any kind of propaganda, religious or political, which seeks to induce the United States to meddle with the internal affairs of Great Britain." Fortunately no such anti-British feeling exists today. On the contrary, there is universal agreement that friendliness and understanding between the United States and Great Britain are the great anchorage amid today's international storms. However the same Buffalo resolution of 1920 could well be adopted again at Buffalo next month and adapted so as to make it applicable to other nations,

Russia, China, Poland (whose ship, *The Batory*, is no longer permitted even to dock in New York City), and other countries behind the Iron Curtain. Here also certain agitators and many propagandists "are manifestly seeking to disturb, if not destroy, friendly relations," between the United States and these foreign nations. A copy of the Buffalo resolution of 1920 was sent to Prime Minister Lloyd George. What would happen if the Buffalo Convention next month adopted a resolution on friendly relations with Russia and a copy were sent to Joseph Stalin?

★ **PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.**, and all who visited it last month once again enjoyed the beauty of the cherry blossoms that is annually made possible by the gift of the cherry trees by Japan many years ago. It is now reported that thousands of Japanese cherry trees are soon to be shipped to other American cities as "a gesture of friendship between the United States and Japan." Chicago is to receive 4,000 seedlings for planting along its extended lake front. Other shipments are destined for San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, and New York City where the trees will be planted at the site of the United Nations Headquarters. How times do change! Less than six years ago the United States and Japan were most bitter and fiendish enemies. Less than ten years ago many infuriated Americans permitted their hatred of Japan so to obsess them to a deplorable and mentally abnormal degree as to urge that the Japanese cherry trees in Washington, D. C. be chopped down. Perhaps the cities on the Pacific Coast will welcome the new tree shipments in a spirit of repentance for the unjust evacuation in 1942 of more than 100,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and their confinement for several years in concentration camps which were euphemistically called "assembly camps" and "relocation centers." How times do change! It is fortunate that man does not nurse his hatreds too long. Life

would otherwise be intolerable. The cynic, however, will comment that this new friendship for Japan is prompted mostly by a realization that Japan is needed to support the new American hatred against Russia. What American city would today accept a gift of 4,000 cherry trees from Communist Russia?

★ **THE FIRST MAGAZINE CASUALTY** of the current era of inflation and higher cost of production was **FLAIR**, an elaborate, multi-colored, ornate monthly feature periodical which had been in publication less than a year. The publisher explained the magazine's death by stating that production costs had risen 35%, and this fact, coupled with the critical international situation, the certainty of further cost increases, and the likelihood of restrictions on high grade paper, made it unwise to continue publication. The death of **FLAIR** should prompt some new surging of loyalty among readers of **MISSIONS**, which this year must also meet an increased cost of paper. And nobody can imagine what production difficulties, shortage of manpower, restrictions on paper and all kinds of supplies the year may bring. So **MISSIONS** appeals to you as reader and subscriber to do three things: (1) Promptly renew your own subscription when renewal time comes around; (2) Persuade some other member in your church or some friend to become a subscriber; and (3) Become a Gift Subscriber by sending **MISSIONS** for one year to some friend, relative, invalid shut-in, or boy or girl away from home. For one year it will bring interesting reading matter as well as inspiration and cheer during the troubled times in which we live. Increased circulation will thus help **MISSIONS** to meet its increased costs.

★ **DID YOU READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT** on page 259 explaining why the June issue will reach you about four weeks later than usual? If not, turn to that page again and read it so that you will understand.



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Reviews of Current Books and Announcements by Publishers

❖ **PASTORAL COUNSELING** by Professor Carroll A. Wise, of Garrett Biblical Institute, is one of the best books on counseling. It is based on the truism that counseling is with persons rather than with problems. The minister is not

a psychiatrist, nor does he know the answers to every problem, but he ought to know how to help another human being to cope with the feelings and attitudes which have involved him in difficulty. The end of counseling is person-

ality development. The last two chapters, which deal with marriage and premarital counseling, counseling on Christian vocations, helping the physically ill, ministering to bereaved persons, and helping people to think through

religious problems, are particularly good. (Harper & Brothers; 245 pages; \$2.75)

• **THE DAGGER AND THE CROSS** by *Colbert G. Rutenber* is a book on Christian pacifism. There are two kinds of pacifists: those who believe in non-violent resistance, and those who believe in total non-resistance. The author contends that the minimum position that a sincere Christian ought to take is the position of non-violent resistance. He quotes several times J. H. Oldham, whose position is: "Christians can take part in war only if the distinction can be maintained between war . . . and murder. If war degenerates into wilful slaughter of the innocent, then Christians must either become pacifists or give up their religion." The author, a Professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary does not want to deny that wars are the judgment of God, but he does want Christians to have no part in them. He affirms that if the Old Testament proves that God authorizes Christians to go to war, then He also authorizes them to kill witches, own slaves, and practise polygamy, and to put to death their unruly and rebellious sons. The author sometimes makes the mistake of interpreting the teaching of Jesus concerning personal relationships as if they were to be applied to states. He believes that the world is getting worse, yet feels that the Christian must keep himself clean in a dirty world, and that peacemakers may try to make peace in a given situation even though they do not hope to banish war from the earth. Almost the last words of the book are a quotation from Morris R. Cohen, "... to wear out our lives in the pursuit of worthy but imperfectly attainable ideals is the essence of human dignity." This

is probably the best argument he makes in his book. And it should be remembered that many people who are not pacifists still wish we could live in a world where pacifism is practical. (Fellowship Publications; 134 pages; \$1.00)

• **THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL**, by *T. W. Manson*. **THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL**, by *R. W. Moore*. **THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL**, by *G. B. Caird*. These books offer a series of three studies "designed to provide the casual and not too well-informed Christian with the basic facts about his religion." Part I, by the professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis, University of Manchester, is largely an original English translation of the Gospel of Mark, supplemented by selections from Luke and other scriptures grouped under subjects, with pertinent explanations, that enable the reader to gain a fuller knowledge of the origin of Christianity and its historical message. Part II, by the Headmaster of Harrow School, traces the faith, proclaimed in Mark's Gospel, through the early year's of the first Christian century down to the contemporary perplexing and complex world. With masterly

strokes the gospel is pictured in its forward struggle against forces of evil through apostolic days, the Dark and Middle Ages, the Reformation, the 19th and 20th centuries, until it shines with undimmed luster and unceasing ray as an inseparable part of modern history. Part III, by the professor of New Testament Literature, McGill University, raises the inevitable question that follows an intelligent presentation of the religion of the New Testament and its influence upon civilization: "Is Christianity true? If true is it valid today?" These and kindred questions Dr. Caird answers with due scholarship and clarity. After dealing with obstacles to belief he discusses the Christian faith, its theological doctrines, and the practical issues relative to Christian living. He sees Christianity becoming a reality in the "New Man" and the "New Community." These readable volumes are not intended for the critically minded student, but are prepared for "men and women who have not given enough serious attention to the claims of Christianity." They offer an acceptable justification for the Christian view of life. Each is a study in itself but all three are related. The pages number from 113 to 168. (Oxford; \$1.75 each.)

Strengthening The Spiritual Life

by **NELS F. S. FERRÉ**

Here is friendly, helpful counsel on one of the greatest subjects in the world: prayer and the common life. It is offered with real humility by one who speaks from first-hand knowledge and out of rich experience. The matters which he discusses are central to the serious practice of the spiritual life today: private prayer, family devotions, Bible reading, tithing, decisions on moral questions, guiding the younger members of the family, etc. There is not a Christian family in America that could not profit from a reading of it.

\$1.00 at your bookseller

HARPER & BROTHERS, New York 16, N. Y.

• **THE LORD'S PRAYER** by *Ernest F. Scott* is a fine book on the Lord's Prayer, approaching the prayer from a critical and historical point of view. This prayer is the primary Christian document, the only one which comes directly from Jesus himself. The author feels that it and the Lord's Supper are the two things that Jesus gave to the world that have been preserved in their original form. Dr. Scott, who for many years taught New Testament at Union Theological Seminary, tells us

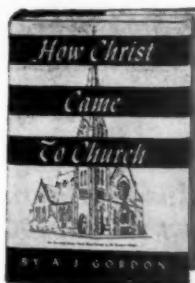
about Jesus' conception of prayer, and the records of the Lord's Prayer. He believes the version in Matthew is the original. The Lord's Prayer is composed of materials in the Old Testament, particularly the Book of Psalms, and can be interpreted by the other prayer of Jesus in the 17th chapter of John. The prayer, however, is original in that it is couched in universal terms rather than in the old nationalistic terms of Judaism. The last section of the book deals with an interpretation of the seven petitions in the prayer. (Charles Scribner's Sons; 136 pages; \$2.25)

CHARLES F. ANDREWS, by *Benarsidas Chaturvedi* and *Marjorie Sykes*, is a comprehensive, well documented, and intimate biography of Dr. Andrews, Church of England clergyman, benefactor to the needy in South Africa, Near East, India and his native England. The book is one of the best published, in recent years, on any great character. It not only presents first hand knowledge, but intimate insights gained by studying the missionary's correspondence, by conversing with persons who knew him in youth and in later years, and from his spoken words, recalled by a host of admirers. (Harper and Brothers; 334 pages; \$3.75.)

WINDOWS TOWARD GOD, by *Charles H. Schmitz*, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Syracuse, N. Y., and chairman of the Radio and Television Committee, American Baptist Convention, presents 86 choice meditations, many of them selected from the writer's favorite daily devotional broadcasts;—messages that are simple yet pungent with spiritual and practical aids for better living. (Abingdon-Cokesbury; 188 pages; \$1.25.)

How Christ Came to Church

A Spiritual Autobiography



WHAT IF CHRIST were seated in your congregation? The vividness of such a dream awakened the author, A. J. GORDON, to his tremendous responsibilities. Realization of the continuous Presence of Christ transformed his life and ministry. Reading this book will inspire you to a deeper consecration of self and service.

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THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, by *Georgia Harkness*, is "chiefly a guide to personal daily devotion" for 147 days. The purpose of the book is to awaken the reader to a need of a closer relationship with Christ. Each meditation is introduced by a brief quotation from Jesus' teachings, followed by suggested scripture for further reading; a few comments pertinent to the text, concluding with three or four heart-searching questions, and a prayer of personal commitment. (Abingdon-Cokesbury; 147 pages; \$1.25.)

HOMILETIC THESAURUS ON THE GOSPELS, by *Harald E. J. Ellingsen*, is the first in a three volume set of Thesaurus on the Gospels. This copy deals exclusively with Matthew. It contains complete sermons, extensive and brief outlines, expository excerpts, practical lessons, illustrations, etc., selected from the writings of more than 250 ministers and scholars of the past, supplemented by original material. Here is a typical outline based on Matthew 17:8, "JESUS ONLY." "(1) Jesus Only is the way, the truth, and the life. (2) Jesus Only bears the name where-

by we must all be saved. (3) Jesus Only is the foundation upon which we must build. (4) Jesus Only can render our prayers acceptable to God. (5) Jesus Only can obtain an eternal redemption for us. (6) Jesus Only is worthy of our eternal praise!" Ministers who like this type of sermon building will find the volume helpful and suggestive. (Baker Book House; 348 pages; \$4.50.)

Books Received

A TREASURY OF SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS, a compilation of more than 2,400 brief, quotable poems, anecdotes, stories, indexed and cross-referenced, edited by *Charles L. Wallis*, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 319 pages, \$3.50.

AMERICA'S SECOND CRUSADE, *Yalta Yesterday, Korea Today, and Tomorrow?*, by *William Henry Chamberlin*, Henry Regener Co., 372 pages, \$3.75

OUR HOPE OF SURVIVAL, in an age of crisis, by *George L. Murray*, Baker Book House, 133 pages, \$1.50

TWENTY MISSIONARY STORIES FROM LATIN AMERICA, by *Basil Miller*, Zondervan Publishing House, 137 pages, \$1.50

FANNY CROSBY, Singing I go, by *Basil Miller*, Zondervan Publishing House, 119 pages, \$1.50

PUBLIC RELATIONS MANUAL FOR CHURCHES, by *Stanley I. Stuber*, Doubleday and Co., 284 pages, \$3.00

ADVENTURING INTO THE CHURCH, A program for preparing young people for the Christian Life and church membership, by *Lewis Albert Convis*, Harper and Brothers, 186 pages, \$2.50

STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, by *Nels F. S. Ferré*, Harper and Brothers, 63 pages, \$1.00

WE OF NAKASAKI, The story of the survivors in an atomic world, by *Takashi Nagai*, Duell, Sloan & Pierce, 189 pages, \$2.75

WAKE UP OR BLOW UP, America: Love the world or lose it, by *Frank C. Laubach*, Revell, 160 pages, \$2.00

SELF-UNDERSTANDING, A guide to sources of strength for solving per-

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A Monthly Digest from Letters and Reports of Field Correspondents

Faith That Looks Ahead After War and Insurrection in Burma

Report of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Burma Baptist Mission Conference, Rangoon, Burma, January 16-23, 1951



The 55th annual conference of Baptist missionaries in Burma

By M. ECCO HUNT

THE Burma Baptist Missionary Conference held its 55th annual meeting in Rangoon January 16-23, 1951. It opened with a tea at the home of Mission Secretary Gustaf A. Sword. It was good to meet old friends and to make new ones. Although working in Burma for more than three years, some of the mission family met for the first time. Unsettled conditions in Burma had made it impossible to meet since January, 1949, and at that time it was impossible for some of the missionaries from distant areas to attend. Although we do not yet have peace in all parts of Burma, conditions have improved enough so

that 46 of the 55 active missionaries and three retired missionaries were able to attend.

We are delighted to welcome new missionaries. Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd G. James, Dr. Dorothy Gates, and Rev. A. Q. VanBenschoten. We were sorry that Mrs. VanBenschoten could not be with us too.

The conference began with a business session. Each morning and afternoon we had a devotional service, an inspiration and a welcome change from the business and work meetings. Our devotional leaders included four Christian leaders in Burma, six newer missionaries and Rev. Harold Willans of the British and Foreign Bible Society for Burma. The first

devotional speaker, Thra Tu Saw, is a Karen pastor whose church was scattered by the insurrection. He is now shepherding a group recently reorganized. After telling two stories of the power of faith and prayer he said, "It is essential that those who have the faith and the power of Christ go out and tell others." Sramu Luella, who recently finished the course in Religious Education at Leonard Theological Seminary at Jubbulpore, India, and is now teaching in the Pwo Karen Bible School at Insein, emphasized the necessity of trusting God and of not being impatient if he does not grant what we want when we want it. Mr. Willans reviewed the changes in Burma because of war and insurrection, and urged us not to let our hearts be troubled but to have a faith in God that overcomes fear. Principal Thra Chit Maung, the Karen Theological Seminary, Insein, exhorted us to have a faith like that of Jeremiah who in a time of war could look ahead to the time when right would triumph. Principal U Ba Han of the Burman Theological Seminary at Insein, who did much to re-establish the Seminary after World War II and again after the destruction due to the insurrection, led a worship service of scripture readings and hymns to bring to us a message of courage and faith.

Each afternoon some time was set aside for reports from different racial groups and different parts of Burma. We saw something of the hardships, problems, disappointments, work, successes,

and joys of the different work. The work among the Karens has suffered most and many of our Christians are nearly destitute as villages have been burned or looted. Many church groups have been scattered. Our missionary to the Southern Chins, who have also suffered much because of the insurrection, reported that the main task now is, "to gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost."

There were also helpful discussions on: "New Administrative Procedure"; "Stewardship"; "Our Relationship to Government"; "National Christian College," and "Mission Methods," with emphasis on orientation of new missionaries.

On Sunday afternoon Dr. E. C. Condict led an impressive memorial service in memory of the ten missionaries from the Burma field who have gone to their reward since our last Conference. They were: W. B. Campbell, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Latta, Mrs. A. C. Hanna, Dr. J. H. Telford, Mrs. A. J. Weeks, Miss Selma Maxville, Rev. H. E. Safford, and Rev. and Mrs. F. K. Singiser.

The social side was not neglected. We were all together for two teas and a picnic at a swimming pool. An outstanding evening social event was a musical in the Brayton Chapel of the Karen School which was crowded to capacity.

and curries on open fires. They would sleep near the fires because the nights were cold. Services were held in a large *fala*, a temporary structure made of branches with leaves on them thrown over a crude framework of saplings. The services were punctuated with the singing of choirs from many villages, each choir singing in its native tongue.

Due to the great diversity of languages, the different language groups split up during the afternoon services. Hymns, Scripture reading, and preaching were in the language of each particular group. At one time there were five different groups, each listening to the gospel in his own tongue. During the combined services in the big *fala* it was impossible to translate everything into all languages. Most things said were translated into at least two or three language.

The Burma Baptist Mission was represented by Rev. and Mrs. William D. Hackett. They brought with them a delegation of Taunghu and Shan leaders. They all contributed immensely to the Jubilee. Two splendid Burman Christian leaders from Rangoon, Saya ma Daw Hannah, and Thra Judson Aung, were able to come, and their contributions were most welcome indeed. Daw Hannah helped in the women's programs and after the Jubilee held a two-week's training class in children's work. Judson Aung, who is general secretary for the Christian Endeavor Society of Burma, led youth meetings.

On Saturday evening, a special dinner was held for government officials from Kengtung. Following this a "concert" was presented, and a drama prepared by various villages and individuals.

A stereopticon slide program concluded the services. It includ-

Vividly Remembered and Gloriously Celebrated

Report of a meaningful and historic occasion in Northern Burma near the China border where 1,500 Christians of many tribes celebrated the jubilee of Baptist missions that began with the arrival of William Young 50 years ago

EXACTLY 50 years ago the late William M. Young and his bride, made their way by tedious stages and through wearing weeks of ox-cart travel on a dusty trail from Rangoon to Kengtung. It must have been a wonderful sight to see at last the lush, semi-tropical valley of Kengtung. With their arrival the people of Kengtung and eventually the whole surrounding area, heard for the first time of Christ.

This historic event was vividly remembered and celebrated February 14-18, 1951, when hundreds of people made their way over mountain trails to attend the jubilee celebration in Pangwai, the hill mission station located just 17 miles from Kengtung town. Nearly 1,500 people gathered to-

By PAUL LEWIS

gether in this lovely mountain location to enjoy five days of spiritual feasting and fellowship. Although most of these people were from the Lahu tribe, there were also Akhas, Was, Shans, Kachins, Lisu, Karens, Tai, Loi, Burmese, Taungibus, as well as Americans present.

The five-day program included special historical sketches yet it was not merely the past 50 years that was considered. There was a constant emphasis on the future. "What will the next 50 years be like?" was an oft repeated question.

During their stay most of the people lived in temporary jungle shelters. They cooked their rice

ed several slides of the late Dr. J. H. Telford, formerly of the Pangwai field, and a recording in Lahu made by him. Selected pictures from the life of Christ were shown, and everyone was reminded of the blessings of Christ through the past 50 years. The emphasis was then changed to the present and future. A challenge was given to Christians and to non-Christians to accept the Saviour whose power to save does not diminish with the passing of the years.

Headquarters Welcome To Dr. F. Townley Lord

To greet Dr. F. Townley Lord, President of the Baptist World Alliance, and Mrs. Lord, who arrived in New York on March 20, a luncheon was arranged on March 22 at New York's Building and Trades Club. It was attended by secretaries from Baptist headquarters, Board members who happened to be in New York for a Board meeting, and several New York pastors. Dr. Reuben E. Nelson presided with considerably more sparkling humor and felicitous wit than is usually associated with the dignified General Secretary of the American Baptist Convention. Dr. Lord came to the United States to attend the meeting of the Alliance Executive Committee in Washington, D. C., April 25-26. He will make an extended speaking tour throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the American Baptist Convention before returning to England late in June. He is scheduled to address the Buffalo Convention on June 14th. At the luncheon in New York he gave a warm, heart-to-heart talk about the world fellowship of Baptists, symbolized in their theme song, "Blest be the tie that binds," which was sung when the Alliance was organized in London



F. Townley Lord

in 1905, and will be sung again at its Jubilee Congress in London in 1955. He made a powerful plea for a revived emphasis on evangelism on the home front. Making our own countries thoroughly Christian constitutes the most effective argument for Christianity elsewhere. It is imperative, said he, that we produce at home a Christianity that will command respect and be self-evident abroad. Once again Dr. Lord demonstrated by what he said, how he said it, and by the impact of his genial and virile personality, that he is the finest type of British ambassador, a great Christian, and the personification of the world fellowship of Baptists.

The June Issue Will be Very Late

Since the American Baptist Convention meets so late this year (*dates are June 11-15, 1951*), the June issue of *MISSIONS* obviously cannot be printed until the complete story of the Convention is in type. And the copy must be sent by mail from Buffalo, N. Y. to Lancaster, Pa., where *MISSIONS* is printed. Accordingly the June issue will go to press about June 22 and will thus reach all subscribers about four weeks later than usual.

Rural Life Convocation At Green Lake

The Baptist Rural Life Convocation, July 26 to 31, at Green Lake, Wis., is the first great gathering on a national level for Baptist town and country people. Wide interest is shown by farmers and their families with many farm families planning to make the vacation-and-study trip to Green Lake. Some churches are planning to send young farm couples as an investment in future leadership. Agricultural leaders in farm organizations and the teaching professions see in this first national gathering of Baptist rural people the evidence of an increasing interest on the part of our churches in a good way of life among rural people.

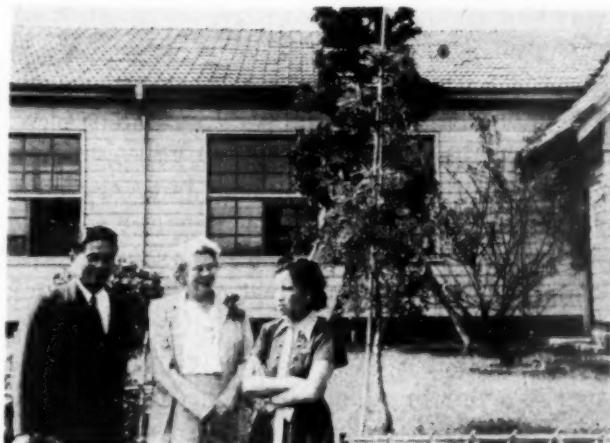
Registrations should be sent as soon as possible to the Registrar of the American Baptist Assembly, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Further information may be secured from the State Directors of Town and Country Work, State Convention Secretaries, or from Rural Church Center at Green Lake.

The Convocation will feature six seminars on the Rural Church's program for the needs of its people. Professor LeRoy J. Day of Ottawa University will lead the seminar on, "The Mission of the Church in the Rural Schools"; and a seminar on "Training Pastors for Leadership in Rural Baptist Churches". The Rev. Charles Hartman of the Department of Town and Country in the Colorado Baptist State Convention will lead a seminar on "The Mission of the Church in Training Laymen to be Christian Farmers". Mrs. Howard G. Colwell, former President of the American Baptist Convention, will lead the seminar on "The Mission of the Church in the Homes of Rural People".

Christian Friendliness in Postwar Japan

In a setting of flowers and temporary wooden buildings, where six years ago 600 American bombers brought death and destruction, now hospitality, good will, and friendliness marked a memorable visit of two Americans to the Mary L. Colby School for Girls in Yokohama

By MURIEL HANDY BROWN



LEFT: Dr. Isamu Chiba, Muriel Handy (Mrs. Kenneth I.) Brown, and Mrs. Ayako Hino. RIGHT: Artistic decorations in a corner of the Teachers' Room where tea was served to the Mary L. Colby School (Soshin Jo Gakko), Yokohama



WHEN my husband and I landed at the Tokyo airport, Mrs. Ayako Hino gave us the invitation, "I'll see you Thursday morning at Soshin School for Girls in Yokohama, for they are preparing a welcome for you."

During the academic year 1949-1950 Mrs. Hino had been on the campus of Keuka College as a part-time teacher. While there she had spoken not only before church groups in New York State, but she had gone across the country interpreting Japan and making many friends for herself. My husband and I were now making a visit to her in her homeland, where she could introduce us to her faculty associates and students, as we had introduced her when she visited us at Denison University. On Thursday morning Dr. Isamu Chiba, principal of Soshin Jo Gakko, or the Mary L. Colby School as it is known to many American Baptists came to take us by train to Yokohama.

Promptly he arrived and promptly we caught the train. There is no "calling" of

trains as in the United States. Never once during our month in Japan was a train late. It is often said in Japan that you can set your watch by a train. We found it to be no idle boast.

Mr. Willard Topping met us at the station and drove us up the winding road to the hilltop where the school is located. Our "welcome ceremony" began at the gate, for coming to meet us were Mrs. Hino and two of our Women's Board missionaries, Assistant Principal Beulah McCoy and Phyllis Beckley.

My first impression was of the neatness of the grounds, the nicely painted buildings, the orderly paths, the grass and the flowers. It probably would look sad to an alumna, but I was seeing it all for the first time. So I could not remember the ten buildings—including a chapel with a lofty tower—which were destroyed between eight in the morning and noon on that spring day in 1945 when 600 U. S. bombers came over. I had no such terrible memories. So the temporary wooden buildings and the flowers all looked

very attractive to me. I could but dimly sense the love and pride with which the alumnae were undergirding the 63-year-old school.

During the morning the regular activities of the school were carried on. First came the chapel service with prayer, music and a talk. Mrs. Hino conducted the morning worship. We visited classes: art for the Junior High group with Miss Sawada, the teacher; a gym class that was held out of doors because there are no indoor facilities; sewing; science; and Bible which Dr. Chiba was teaching. We stopped also to see Miss Beckley conduct an English class. I was impressed by the high standard of work the teachers were doing: their youth, their training, their modern teaching methods and their warm, enthusiastic, Christian qualities.

We went to the Lighthouse for lunch. That is the name given to the bungalow where Beulah McCoy and Phyllis Beckley live. The other guest, Miss Yamada, was old in years but young in spirit, a tiny walking history of the early days of Soshin.

When we had finished we went to the Assembly Hall, where the students were waiting for us. It is the custom, they tell me, for the platform party not to arrive until the audience is waiting. It is a gracious gesture for the speaker. I was particularly glad the program started off with a song, for during the morning I had watched the music teacher practicing with the girls. She was music personified as she drew the different parts together and blended them into one glorious harmony. We were greeted by a spokesman of the students with a speech in English; then I spoke, with Mrs. Morikawa, a Keuka College graduate, as my interpreter.

When this part of the program was finished, we were shown to seats in the center of the auditorium where we could have an excellent view of our "welcome ceremony." The school choir sang two numbers. A girl recited "My Face." This was followed by a little girl singing a solo. Although 6 years old, she was still a "little" girl, for polio had stunted her growth. Then Mr. Ono, the physical training teacher, danced for us. His

two numbers were "Jacob's Ladder" and "The Yellow Hat," a plaintive story of a country boy looking at his yellow hat and thinking with longing of his home village.

When the dances were finished, we were taken back to the platform. I was given a corsage of pink roses by a girl whose father specializes in growing them. Then 12 girls came to the platform with one stepping forward to speak for the group.

"American people are very curious about Japanese people, how they sleep on the floor. We have made a bed and bedding and dressed a doll so that when you return you can show them how it is. It is not bad, but very comfortable." As I opened the package I asked my husband to hold up the things so the students could see them. First came the *tatami*, the matting base for the bedding. Although Mrs. Morikawa had previously explained to us the order in which the other items of bedding were put upon it, the girls were convulsed with laughter as my husband uncertainly made the bed and put the doll to sleep



Miss Sawada, instructor in art, and her Art Class in the Mary L. Colby School



Mrs. Hino, the prize winning student of whom Mrs. L. B. Arey wrote in MISSIONS, September, 1950, page 430, and Miss Phyllis Beckley

under Mrs. Morikawa's directions. The girls, then, presented us with a roll of drawings made by the 7th and 8th grade pupils depicting various phases of Japanese life. When my husband had spoken our thanks, we all stood for the closing hymn, "This is my Father's world," for which they had asked him to play.

It was a moving experience to hear the voices around me, united in a Christian hymn, singing in English and Japanese. There was a kindness in their invitations to me to speak and to my husband to play the piano that made us feel that the ceremony was not only for us, but that we were allowed to contribute our share to it.

Then we were taken to the Teachers' Room which, during our short absence, had been

transformed with many colored flowers into a bower of loveliness. Each girl had brought a few flowers that all might participate in our welcome. The teachers had made beautiful arrangements for the tables and walls. Each corner of the room had a special decoration. Around the tables were places for all the faculty to join us for tea. The tables were an artistic sight with the pretty china, flowers, and attractive cakes made of brown rice decorated with seaweed, while on our plates were flower shaped cookies made of bean curd. In front of us were hand-painted place cards. It was a gay party. Members of the faculty were called on to sing old favorites or to do special stunts, and the group singing was hearty. The hands of the clock moved all too fast, for there at the door was Mr. Topping to take us back to town.

As we left the table to speak our good-byes to the teachers, some one started "God be with you till we meet again." While we were getting into the car, the girls who came running to line the path to the gate took up the words of the song. My arms were full of flowers, the box with the doll was on the seat beside me, the drawings were in my lap. Leaning from the car we waved our good-byes, but as we passed through the gate my eyes were too full of tears to see more than a blur of waving hands. At the corner, as we rounded the bend in the road, there stood a few remaining girls who had run on ahead for a last farewell; the wind carried the softly whispered, "God be with you till we meet again."

A Powerful Factor in American Public Opinion

The 32nd annual meeting of The Associated Church Press which represents more than 100 Protestant church papers with a total circulation of about 5,000,000 subscribers

Reported by WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD

THE President of the United States, smiling and well tanned from his Florida vacation, seemed to be in superb health as he received more than 60 editors of THE ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS

at the White House. They were in Washington, D. C., attending their 32nd annual meeting March 28-30, 1951. The President's invitation to call at 11:20 A. M., choice appointment hour of his

day, evidenced the importance which Mr. Truman attached to the church press in influencing Christian public opinion in the United States. After a friendly handelasp and a word of greeting

to each, he accompanied the group out into his rose-garden. Here he spoke briefly of his concern for world peace and emphasized the urgency for mobilizing the moral forces of the world for the welfare of mankind.

For the editors a crowded three-day program had been arranged. An entire day was spent in the auditorium of the Department of State. Here as guests of the Department, the editors listened to an interpretation of American foreign policy. A delightful fellowship interlude was the luncheon in the State Department cafeteria. An imposing array of topics, each discussed by a Departmental expert or official in a half-hour talk followed by half an hour of questions, included The U. S. Overseas Information Program and "The Voice of America," The General Foreign Policy of the U. S., The Far East (Japan, China, Korea, India), Europe and Germany, Technical Cooperation (the so-called Point IV program), and Combatting Aggression through the United Nations. The editors asked many pertinent, frank, realistic questions. A few were in the speculative and hypothetical category. Some with particular reference to Korea, showed a grave concern over the eventual outcome of the Korean disaster with its nearly 60,000 American casualties. Since the State Department sessions were "off the record," nothing said may be reported. It is not violating confidence, however, to refer to what was not said. Several editors were impressed by the fact that at no time did anybody include a frank acknowledgment of American military and political wartime and postwar blunders.

For their annual fellowship banquet the editors gathered in the dining room of the First

Baptist Church where Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden felicitously greeted them. After a sumptuous dinner (believe it or not, two perfectly cooked pork chops on each plate!), an "off the record" address by Secretary F. E. Cartwright of the Methodist Foreign Mission Board on "Behind the Bamboo Curtain in China", revealed what is happening to Christian missions in China under the present communist regime. Although many missionaries have already left China, and others are imprisoned, although schools and hospitals are being taken over by the government, although American funds are subjected to all kinds of restrictions, nevertheless Dr. Cartwright expressed sublime and unshaken confidence in the steadfastness and sacrificial devotion of Chinese Christians.

The second after dinner address by Editor Robert J. Cadigan of *Presbyterian Life*, reported his recent visit to Korea. No editor can soon forget his description of the incredible misery and abysmal suffering of the Korean people, the terrible destruction, and the unflinching loyalty of Korean Christians. "Never in history", said he, "has the Christian church demonstrated a finer heroism and vitality than in Korea today."

Business sessions included reports, resolutions (once again in

opposition to an American ambassador to the Pope), a symposium by half a dozen editors on today's problems faced by the church press, an appraisal of the new National Council of Churches by Dr. S. M. Cavert, and a final luncheon session at the Congressional Hotel where Mr. Herbert Elliston, distinguished and brilliant editor of *The Washington Post*, one of America's truly great newspapers, shared with the editors of the church press his observations of the United States in world affairs.

Officers elected for the next biennium, 1951-1953 are: *President*, George W. Buckner, Editor of *World Call* (Disciples); *First Vice-President*, G. Elson Ruff, Editor of *The Lutheran* (Lutheran); *Second Vice-President*, Emory S. Bucke, Editor of *Zion's Herald* (Methodist); *Executive Secretary-Treasurer*, William B. Liphard, Editor of *MISSIONS* (Baptist). Several church publications were elected to membership, bringing the total to well above 100 papers representing all the larger and many of the smaller denominations, including half a dozen Southern Baptist papers. These papers have a total circulation of about 5,000,000 subscribers and a reading constituency of several million more.

The church press thus constitutes a powerful factor in directing American public opinion and in interpreting the Christian point of view in the present world situation. It could render vastly greater service if more people supported their church papers. Here is a hint to you as a reader of *MISSIONS* if you have reached as far as this line in this report. It would take very little effort on your part, either by persuasion or by a gift subscription, to double the circulation of *MISSIONS*.

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THEY SERVED THEIR DAY AND GENERATION



Mrs. John Howard and her son John

Mrs. John Howard

She was 100 years old!

Mrs. John Howard, mother of Dr. Randolph L. Howard, former President of Judson College and later Foreign Secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and of Rev. John A. Howard, for 34 years missionary in Bengal-Orissa, and grandmother of Rev. Joseph T. Howard, now missionary in the Philippine Islands, and of Dr. Lee M. Howard, missionary in India, died February 15, 1951, in Pittsburgh, Kan. At Christmas she fell and fractured her hip. She was born in Illinois on July 7, 1850. Her parents had removed to Illinois from Virginia because they could not tolerate the attitude toward slavery. The family was familiar with the "underground road" that was established for the escape of slaves into Canada. In her girlhood Mrs. Howard lived in a log cabin. She heard some of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates not far from her home. Now that she has departed, many missionaries who never met Mrs. Howard will miss her annual Christmas cards which she always found time and thought to send and cheer them in their tasks. On her 99th

birthday she had her first airplane ride with her grandson, a Canadian Air Force pilot, in charge of the plane. On her 100th birthday she received congratulations from the Governor of Kansas, the President of the United States, and from many college presidents, also an orchid from Hollywood. She died at the home of her son John and was buried beside her husband, the late Rev. John Howard who died in 1919 after a long career in the ministry in Illinois. She is survived by four sons, 13 grandchildren, all of them college graduates, and 20 great grandchildren.

Amy Mills Collett

Amy Mills Collett, widow of the late Rev. Charles Collett, died in Hillsdale, Mich., after a short illness, on March 11, 1951. She was almost 79 years old. Born on April 15, 1872 in Bryant, Ind., she was married on February 28, 1891 to Rev. Charles Collett and with him served one term, 1919-1921, as missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Bengal-Orissa, India, where he served as pastor of the English-speaking Baptist Church at Karaghpur. They returned to the United States in 1921 and Mr. Collett was called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Reading, Mich. He preceded her in death on February 4, 1940.

Louis P. Jensen

A TRIBUTE BY JESSE R. WILSON

Associate Secretary Louis P. Jensen, of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, was killed in an automobile accident, March 9, 1951, near Cambridge Springs, Pa. As the Foreign Society's Representative on the Pacific Coast, he had come with Mrs. Jensen to Pittsburgh early in 1951 for temporary service on a special assignment in Pennsylvania under the Council on Missionary Cooperation. Mr. Jensen was born in Troy, N. Y., September 3, 1895. He was graduated from Colgate University in 1917, and from Colgate Theo-



Louis P. Jensen

logical Seminary in 1920. He was ordained in Troy, N. Y., September 23, 1918. He served as pastor in North River, N. Y., Delavan, Ill., and at the Parkside Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. He was also Director of Christian Education of the Chicago Baptist Association. In June, 1940, Mr. Jensen assumed his responsibilities for the Foreign Mission Society in the Pacific Coast States and in all the Rocky Mountain area. During the World Mission Crusade, he was Director for Washington and Montana. In the summer of 1947, he visited Europe and attended the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen. During Home Secretary Jesse R. Wilson's visit to the mission fields in 1948-1949, Mr. Jensen assumed the responsibilities of the Home Secretary at the New York office. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen had hoped to serve as foreign missionaries, but health and other factors made this inadvisable. But through the years they have labored with all devotion to the missionary cause. Mr. Jensen loved people and people loved him. He moved helpfully with facts and persuasive power among the churches. Both pastors and people trusted him and turned to him as friend and leader in the world mission of Jesus Christ.

The Buffalo Convention

You are expected as a delegate at Buffalo, N. Y., and you may confidently anticipate an inspiring session of the American Baptist Convention, June 11-15, 1951

By CLIFFORD MACDONALD



The Buffalo waterfront with the convention auditorium in the center

ONE emphasis at the 1951 Convention at Buffalo will be toward helping the individual delegate. Everything about the Convention will be designed with the individual in mind. One of the new innovations at Buffalo will be a Prayer Room set apart for the convenience of delegates. This will be located in an upper tower of the Convention hall and will be known as The Upper Room. It will be furnished with chairs and a worship center plus devotional literature and Bibles.

Delegates will also be pleased by the cafeteria which will provide both adequate seating for all and food popularly priced.

Incoming delegates will find information desks for their con-

venience at the Greyhound Bus Depot and at the railroad terminals. Incoming missionaries will be offered the hospitality of homes.

PUBLICITY SERVICES

The blueprints for the 1951 Convention were begun as soon as the various committees were selected at the 1950 meeting. The Publicity Committee of the Convention, for example, began immediately to make plans for publicizing the Buffalo meetings. Stories announcing the Convention began to appear as early as six months in advance of the opening session. These were distributed to local papers, radio stations, wire services and selected

cross-country newspapers. Photographs and biographies of all Convention speakers and of many committee heads had to be obtained for the press. More than a million and one half American Baptists will depend upon their daily newspaper and various periodicals for information concerning the Convention. It is vital to the success of the Convention that those at home be fully informed of what is going on. A Press Room will be established in the Hotel Statler for the benefit of newsmen from June 1 to 9. On June 10th it will move to the Auditorium. A press luncheon will be held prior to the Convention for the purpose of acquainting the press with the work of American Baptists so that they can provide adequate and more intelligent coverage. Editors and writers who desire space at press tables in the auditorium and the privileges of the press should forward their credentials or requests to the Publicity Department at least one week before the opening session. Badges will be provided those accredited.

RADIO RESPONSIBILITIES

Another phase of publicity is the complete radio coverage. The responsibilities of the Radio Committee under the local leadership of Chairman John R. Neubert of the Buffalo Council of Churches Radio Committee, have been divided into three separate categories. Many of the main features of the programs will be broadcast from the Convention hall. Worship programs will be broadcast every morning from the local radio stations in which various delegates to the Convention will participate. This will stimulate a local awareness of the aims and purposes of the Convention. The third category will feature radio

panels made up of visiting dignitaries discussing the work of the Convention, the problems being faced by our missionaries overseas, and what we as American Baptists can and should do to help alleviate some of the world's needs today. Whereas the newspapers will highlight the news of the Convention, the radio will bring the spirit of the Convention directly into the home.

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE

In addition to servicing the general public through the newspapers, magazines and radio, the Publicity Department is also vitally concerned with contributing toward making life easier for the individual delegate. The Department is making available a separate studio for those who wish to record all or a portion of the Convention proceedings.

Delegates will be provided with a free convention newspaper, but a new innovation will be the Convention Packet. This will contain copies of the major addresses of the Convention and will be sold for \$1.50 each. Delegates will now be able to enjoy the addresses without feeling the necessity of taking notes. Advanced reservations for these packets are being received in the office of the Publicity Department at 152 Madison Avenue. For the convenience of those who desire to reserve a packet, a coupon will be found on this page.

In addition to the above named services, the Publicity Department is also responsible for proper photographic coverage of the Convention.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

During the period of the Convention, speakers will be available for evangelistic services through-

New General Director

The Council on Missionary Cooperation of the American Baptist Convention announces the appointment of Rev. Ralph M. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sacramento, Cal., as General Director. He has accepted the appointment to this important position of denominational leadership and will begin service on May 15, 1951. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith will continue as Interim General Director until December 31, 1951 in order that during this period Mr. Johnson may be free of administrative responsibilities and may give himself to study of the work and problems of the Council. It is also anticipated that he will visit the major mission fields of the denomination, at home and abroad. He will assume full responsibility as General Director on January 1, 1952.—*M. Forest Ashbrook*, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, Council on Missionary Cooperation.

out the city. They will be under the direction of Dr. Walter E. Woodbury, Secretary for Evangelism for the Home Missions So-

cietry. There will also be meetings for youth groups, laymen, women, and ministers.

CANADIANS ALSO MEET

While American Baptists are meeting in Buffalo the Canadian Baptist Convention will be meeting in Hamilton, Canada, not far across the Canadian border. There will be opportunity for both conventions to exchange greetings. American Baptists can become better acquainted with their Canadian neighbors. One men's organization of the First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls will provide guides for tours.

FOR ONE PURPOSE

Thus delegates will enjoy and profit by the Buffalo convention. They may sit back and relax confident that the convention is capable of caring for the needs of all its delegates. Above all, the convention will instill into the local church through the delegates and these publicity services the necessity of "Beginning at Jerusalem." Thus the local church will be strengthened in its community outreach and in its world mission.

Publicity Department AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

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A Memorable Day For Baptist Ministers

At the Buffalo Convention the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board and the Ministers Council will combine their anniversary celebrations. They are inherently each other's best friend. The Benefit Board hails the history of 40 years of growth in its ministry of retirement security. The Council reaches its adolescence in 15 years of seeking to build fellowship and to lift the quality of ministerial leadership.

So they plan to celebrate together in a great Anniversary Dinner on Monday evening, June 11, 1951 at the opening of the Convention. The Council will have its annual meeting at the Central Presbyterian Church, Main Street and Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, N. Y., in the afternoon and the M and M Board will furnish the speaker for the dinner program. Speakers in the afternoon will be Dr. C. Oscar Johnson on, "Who Killed the Preacher?" and Charlie Taylor on "Evangelism For Our Day." The anniversary dinner speaker will be Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, N. Y., speaking on, "The Pastor and Evangelism." Every minister and missionary of the Convention is cordially welcomed to the celebration whether members or not of either organization. The only requirement is the \$1.50 price for the dinner. This will be a long to be remembered day for American Baptist ministers.

The Silver Bay Conference July 11-18, 1951

More than 400 church leaders from 29 denominations are expected at the annual Silver Bay Conference at Silver Bay-on-Lake George, N. Y., July 11-18, 1951. Conference theme is "Our Chris-



Conference auditorium at Silver Bay on Lake George, N. Y.

tian World Mission." The daily program provides for morning and evening plenary sessions and afternoon denominational group meetings. The conference will consider not only the scope of the program theme but also methods and techniques of missionary education in the local church.

Speakers already secured include Dr. Truman Douglass, Prof. M. Searle Bates, Dr. Vernon Middleton, Miss Luella Reckmeyer, Dr. John Coventry Smith, and Dr. G. Pitt Beers.

Registration is open to all on payment of a \$5.00 registration fee. Send registration applications to Dr. Gilbert Q. LeSourd, Silver Bay Conference, Room 1234, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Further information may be obtained from Secretary William J. Keech, Department of Missionary Education, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Next Month's Issue

You will not receive next month's issue (June) until late in that month. For an explanation, read the announcement on page 296, and in case you miss that, another announcement, "THE LAST WORD" on page 320.

A Perennial Problem That Begins in May

Each year the American Baptist Convention experiences the same problem, the successful realization of the Unified Budget. It has a very simple solution, however, which lies in the local church. If the local church can arrange its contributions toward the Unified Budget so that there is a constant and a continuing remittance every month, the problem would not exist.

The problem usually begins in the month of May. Churches have just completed their individual financial campaigns and there is a tendency to relax. Contributions are small because there is a feeling that an entire year lies ahead in which to fulfill their commitments. The seed has found firm ground and it takes root.

During the summer months the problem grows. Activities of many churches are curtailed and contributions reflect this decrease in giving. When activity resumes in the fall, churches are often far behind their suggested quotas. The Convention also is behind in its commitments. Yet in spite of limited contributions the work on the mission fields could not be curtailed.

By January the problem has become very real. Intensive effort must be launched to inspire individuals and churches to meet their obligations. The final results are never known until after the close of each fiscal year on April 30th.

It is hoped that during this present fiscal year an attempt will be made by each church to contribute every month one-twelfth of its suggested quota. If this is accomplished it will give proper assurance of steady support and encouragement and will lay the foundation for yet broader accomplishments.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

Space required for additional pages in order to include in this issue information about the American Baptist Convention in Buffalo has compelled the temporary omission of

MISSIONS CROSS WORD PUZZLE PAGE. See pages 280-286 and 302-304.

The next CROSS WORD PUZZLE will be published in a later issue.

THE CONFERENCE TABLE EVERY WOMAN SERVING THROUGH HER CHURCH

So You've Been Elected

By MARY BETH FULTON

THE meeting became a memorable occasion, and the newly elected president wisely tried to analyze it, to see what had "made it tick." She herself now must assume the responsibility of leadership. Suddenly she remembered, "The greatest art is in concealing the art." That was it! There was no evidence of the "mechanics," — the plans and preparations. This meant that prayer, study and thought had been given, the result being that the speaker, audience and officers left the meeting enriched and challenged by the hours they had spent together.

With humility and a desire to serve effectively, the new president outlined for herself some procedures, based upon her knowledge and from "hints" gleaned in her study of Robert's *Rules of Order*. They may be helpful to others.

Learn the general principles of parliamentary procedure so that business sessions may be conducted with tact and kindness.

While in the chair, have at hand the Constitution, By-laws and Rules of Order, for ready reference.

There are different ways of doing the same thing, which are permissible.

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excited. Do not be rude or unjust to a troublesome member.

Have before you a list of the members of all committees as a guide in appointing others to new committees.

Control the time element, thus guarding against "time-crashing," that unethical taking of time which belongs to another speaker.

Avoid trite and hackneyed phrases. Simple and colorful words make a statement live.

Watch platform posture and mannerisms. Sit correctly with head and shoulders up, and both feet on the floor. (*Legs should never be crossed on a public platform!*)

Do not allow things to distract the audience, such as pencils, purses, handkerchiefs, veils.

The use of a microphone requires special technique. Speak over the "mike" in a conversational tone, modulating the voice. Avoid moving the head from side to side or the voice will not be heard distinctly.

Remember always to show good taste in dress.

Cooperate with program and worship chairmen in encouraging
(Continued on page 319)

Know in advance what business is to come before the meeting and call for it in its regular order.

Learn when a vote is not required on a report.

If a member ignorantly makes an improper motion, do not rule it out of order, but courteously suggest the proper motion.

The chairman of a committee usually has the most to say in reference to questions before the group, and the presiding officer should have the least to say upon the merits of pending questions.

Do not interrupt a member while speaking. Do not become

RALLY FOR BAPTIST WOMEN

All women in the American Baptist Convention are invited to SPECIAL SESSIONS at the

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In the Mission Fields of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society



The first National Christian Home and Family Life Conference in Japan, held at Gotemba, June 26-29, 1950

The Christian Home In a Modern Role

How well are American Christians prepared to continue and to maintain the Christian church in their homes if their church buildings were to be destroyed by bombs?

By ADA P. STEARNS

COUNT the churches in your community. You depend upon worshipping in one of them next Sunday. Most of us have taken that church or some other church for granted all our lives. Where a community has no church building it is considered a near-tragedy. Church extension programs are busy about it.

In recent years there have been two major denominational offerings for foreign missions and other causes within the American Baptist family. The World Mission Crusade and Japan Opportunity were the names given them. In both were items for the restoration of churches and chapels on mission fields. War also

demolishes church buildings. Worse than that, pastors are pressed into defense or related services. More pastors than we know are becoming martyrs to their faith. This scene was true in both Europe and the Orient in World War II, and we use present tense, for it has never stopped. It happens every day to some of our world neighbors.

It could happen in America. Who would respond more quickly to our need to rebuild and re-establish normal church life here than friends abroad who were bereaved of their own Christian family which was wont to meet in an accustomed place at an accustomed hour. These friends of ours

learned to worship in the jungles; they learned that where two or three are gathered together, God is there; that not in Jerusalem nor on a mountain in Samaria may men always meet for worship, but they must worship in spirit and in truth—somewhere. But where?

The most natural place of worship that might substitute for the house of public worship is the place of private worship—the home. In 1950 India celebrated the end of the first decade of The Christian Home Movement. Before India began her program, China was well on the way with hers. Burma's program has been greatly accelerated since the war. The Philippine churches have theirs. Japan is now beginning hers, falteringly because of lack of leadership, but it is growing.

Beautiful and numerous are the stories of worship in the homes when churches had been destroyed. A Burma doctor who had been compelled to evacuate to India returned one day and wondered where she might find her family and friends once more. They had been scattered, that she knew. She made her way on a Sunday morning to a Christian home—and there they were in an upper room, worshipping quietly together. The homes endured. Cottage prayer meetings are widely popular abroad. What has become of this institution in America?

Suppose that we change the title of a certain well known book to read "The Bomb That Fell on American Churches." Were American homes furnished with the spiritual equipment of family

worship, with familiarity with the great and comforting passages of the Bible, with the habit of prayer before an audience, with the habit of singing from memory the great hymns that outlast the printed page—was mother or father or both so well equipped when the bomb fell that the transfer from church building to home was a natural step? Could they invite their neighbors who never attended church but now in desperate plight wished they had included the church in their affection and training? That church was gone! Only God was real, and this non-Christian family knew not how to find Him. But they did know that Mr. and Mrs. Brown always went to church with their children. They would go to them. Could this American Baptist family by the name of Brown invite in these neighbors and their little folks and bring them the message and consolation of God in such an hour?

If bombs should fall on American churches, many, many American Baptist homes would follow in the spirit of the younger, overseas churches. Some families would be surprised to find themselves enabled to keep their spiritual resources sufficient for themselves with enough to spare for others. Such riches would be their greatest discovery of God's very real presence. Life instead of losing meaning in the chaos about them would take on its most vital significance. Those who love the Lord truly and search His Scriptures are not all on mission fields or there would be no dedicated gifts to carry on mission work at all. But we need more and more and more such people, and the time is urgent. Practice of worship at home, cultivating the naturalness of family altar services, would mean much should the

church at the corner of Main and Second Street not be there some morning.

Mission schools abroad give substantial training of this sort. In Christian colleges in India courses on Christian Home and Family Life are among the most popular. Courses in Human Relationships, interpreted from the Christian viewpoint, begin early. Project methods are used to teach Family Life to primary and upper grade school children. The Movement has planned, and is fast putting into effect, an educational approach to all ages from primary school through college to insure the Christian homes of the future.

Dramatic and public observances help. The Christian Home Festival has become one of the most loved festivals of the churches in India. The Hindu grows up in an atmosphere of gay and spectacular festivals. When he becomes Christian he has only two festivals left—Christmas and Easter. The Christian Home Festival is meeting a deep need in the life of the Indian churches. It lasts for a week. A copy of the church covenant is handed each family for them to consider during the week, and usually it is brought back the next Sunday signed by the family and presented at a special service. The evening church bell calls the family together, or a few neighbors together in a home agreed upon. Those who know how to conduct family worship help those wanting to learn. This is not easy when some may be illiterate and much must be memorized. Homes and yards are cleaned thoroughly for the inspection and the prizes awarded at a special occasion. Even the poorest homes become spick and span. A baby show for every child under six is an excit-

ing time for the mothers. Saturday is given over to an exhibit of manual work of all kinds—garden produce, tasty cooking of simple foods, sewing, weaving, and even handmade toys. The afternoon is for sports for old and young, for people who live near the borderline of hunger seldom know how to play. Sunday is the Love Feast of the whole church family.

The Home and Family Life Institutes in Burma attract attendance from far and wide by their courses in Family Worship, in Household Management, Health and Nutrition, the exhibits of model homes, model villages, the health posters showing sanitary and insanitary living, control of tuberculosis, microscopic studies, balanced diets, and a wide variety of information important to the well-rounded Christian home.

Japanese groups studying the Christian Home are discussing these matters: 1. Women are now learning new ways faster than the men. Conflicts result. 2. Delinquency among boys and girls who cannot continue their education. 3. Among the 20-25-year old group there are 67 men to 100 women. War widows are common. 4. Parents will not listen to the new ideas of children; children will not listen to the advice of parents who grew up in Old Japan. 5. Mixed marriages between Christians and non-Christians. 6. Increase of suicide among youth; suicide pacts of whole families. 7. Grave economic problems.

The World Church is much talked about—also the World Day of Prayer, and World Communion Sunday. Is an enduring World Christian Home just the stuff dreams are made of? Women may decide.

TIDINGS

FROM THE FIELDS



A Challenge

To Perseverance

A review of the remarkable service rendered to Negro youth by the only accredited private high school for Negroes under Protestant auspices in South Carolina



Principal Louise M. Voth of The Mather School counsels with a new student about her courses and problems

Isaiah 41:6. They helped everyone his neighbor and everyone said to his brother "Be of good courage."

ON all sides we are beset with the hopelessness of our times, with the bleak despair which is all but engulfing the human family, but man's extremity has ever been God's opportunity. This was true in the desperate days which followed the cessation of hostilities between the North and the South, when our nation was faced with the bitter task of reunion and rebuilding on the ruins left by the struggle. Solomon reminded the people of Israel of the eternal

By LOUISE M. VOTH

promise "The Lord said that He would dwell in the thick darkness."

Certainly no people in history have made a more valiant struggle into the light than have our American Negro people since the days of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Among those who felt the call to go lend a hand in establishing opportunity in the Southland for these who so recently had been the pawns of war, was a courageous woman from Boston, the widow of a Baptist minister.

Rachel Crane Mather settled down to her task in Beaufort, South Carolina, using her own meager means to purchase land and to erect the first buildings of the school which bears her name. Stories of the early struggle of Mrs. Mather have come down to us: stories of how certain kindly intentioned white men of the community advised her to locate outside the town so that her activities would not offend the townspeople; stories of her struggle to impress children and parents with the need and the good of education; stories of her tireless service to the people to whom she had dedicated herself and all that she possessed; stories of her matchless heroism, and of her faith and trust when her means were exhausted and things looked hopeless; stories of her triumphs over hardships which make us who work in her stead, very, very humble, and sometimes very ashamed of our own inadequacies. Threading through all of this which has become tradition on Mather Campus is the bright and steady assurance that this is a work of God, established by His hand, and blessed by His all pervading Spirit.

On March 4, 1951, we observed the 84th Founder's Day at Mather School. Through the years the school has grown from almost primitive beginnings into a fully accredited high school. *In fact this year Mather is the only accredited private high school for Negro youth under Protestant auspices in the State of South Carolina.*

Many times we are asked whether it seems necessary to continue a school like Mather in this day of state and community administered education. In reply we invite the questioners to a closer scrutiny of the actual educational opportunities for Negro young people. It is true that in recent years some improvement has been made, but it is also true that in spite of all the talk of equalizing education, the dollars per capita spent for the education of white children far exceed the dollars per capita spent for the education of Negro children. Nor is this the whole picture. In many communities there is still no provision for a full four-year high school course for Negro boys and girls. Nor is there a full scale state wide effort to raise the level of teaching standards in Negro schools. The National Teachers Examination which is used as a norm for the granting of certificates and the rating for salaries becomes a farce when we know that those who are required to sit for the examination have opportunities for preparation which lie poles apart, according to which race they represent. Each year we are stricken when we hear that Mather girls just out of high school have been engaged by county superintendents to teach the elementary schools in their communities without benefit of any kind of specialized teacher training.

One of the benefits which a watchful Providence has wrung from the last war is an increasing desire for improved standards of living for Americans in general. The Negro people have had a share in the material advance and in the scientific progress which are responsible for our standards, but we who are concerned especially with the moral and spiritual standards know that the of-

ferring of public education cannot produce the leadership of which our people stand so much in need. At Mather School the program of education in the ideals of our Lord Jesus Christ is the main current of the whole curriculum. A staff of teachers and a body of students who unite not only in gleaning the essentials in courses of study, but who recognize the supreme essential of living together as followers of the Great Teacher, create an atmosphere that even the most casual visitor on the campus recognizes as unique. College presidents write us each year that Mather girls are distinctive on their college campuses. More than 50% of Mather graduates go on to college. "They seem to have something that sets them apart from the others, and yet causes the others to seek them out and value them as friends," one president wrote me recently. It happens that the two girls to whom he was referring have signified their intention of entering upon full time Christian service. Both of them happen also to come from rural background of little cultural opportunity. At Mather we have constant witness of the transforming power of Christ centered learning and living. And yet the miracle of it in each young life is as fresh as if it had never happened before.

Last Spring when the best equipped and largest building on the campus was completely destroyed by fire, we took fresh courage from the singing of our girls of the theme song of Youth Week, "That cause can neither be lost nor stayed." We have accepted the challenge of that cause, and we expect to see it through to the upbuilding of a bigger and better Mather. In the words of James, ". . . the trying of your faith worketh patience." The

thread of courage which drew Rachel Mather southward 84 years ago has become a cable of strength extended by the girls who have gone forth year after year carrying into hundreds of fields of service, in teaching, in nursing, in business, in homes and in churches, the inspiration and the hope planted in them by the perseverance of a dauntless Spirit.

PERSONALITIES

- **MISS ETHELMAE WALTER** resigned May 1, as missionary at Mariner's Temple, New York City, to become Director of Christian Education at McMinnville, Oregon.
- **MISS PEARLE ROLD**, Ouzinkie, Alaska, began her four months' furlough on March 15.
- **MR. NORMAN SMITH**, Alaska Boat Evangelist, returns to Alaska for his second summer. Mrs. Smith and their three children will accompany him and will live at Baker Cottage, Ouzinkie, Alaska, for the summer.
- **MR. AND MRS. PAUL RANDALL** and daughter Pauline are expected to join the staff of Kodiak Mission at Alaska in June. Mrs. Randall was the former Anita Nock. The Randalls will serve as House Parents at Ayer Cottage.
- **MISS ALICE MAE SIMMONS** has resigned as Rural Missionary at Rio Grande, Ohio, to take graduate study at Garrett University, Evanston, Ill.
- **MISS MARCIA CUDWORTH**, missionary at Colegio Bautista, Managua, Nicaragua, has arrived in the United States on furlough.
- **MISS DOROTHY LINCOLN**, missionary at Hospital Bautista, Managua, Nicaragua, has been working in a hospital at Rochester, N. Y., in order to refresh herself on hospital methods and techniques.

MISSIONARY • EDUCATION

Mission Study Classes at The American Baptist Convention

Each day from Tuesday, June 12, to Friday, June 15, inclusive, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:50 A.M. Baptist leaders from our mission boards will interpret the home and foreign mission study themes for 1951-1952. Staff members of the Department of Missionary Education and Missionary Education Publications will explain the program of missionary education in the local church and will present suggestions and materials for all age groups for the 1951-1952 program. Make it a point not to miss this opportunity.

Tuesday, June 12, 8:00-8:50 A.M. "A Program of Missionary Education for the Local Church." Leader: Rev. William J. Keech.

Wednesday, June 13, 8:00-8:50 A.M. Home Theme: "Church Extension in the United States and in Latin America." Leaders: Rev. Lincoln Wadsworth, Rev. Wilbur Larson, Mrs. Milo Wenger, Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens.

Thursday, June 14, 8:00-8:50 A.M. Foreign Theme: "Baptists of Animistic Background." Leaders: Dr. John Skoglund, Miss Hazel Shank, Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens.

Friday, June 15, 8:00-8:50 A.M. "Missionary Education in the Baptist Youth Fellowship and Girls' Guild" and "Missionary Education for Children." Leaders: Miss Elsie Kappen, Miss Florence Stansbury.

STUDY BOOKS

For this year's themes

These books are of primary importance to all leaders in missionary education for the program which began on May 1st.

For the Home Mission Study: Baptist theme: "Church Extension in the United States and in Latin America."

Home Mission Digest No. V. Story and picture of Baptist work in church extension in the United States and in Latin America. 40 cents.

Mission to America. Truman Douglass. The church's answer to the challenge of today in terms of the renewal and expansion of the church's own life. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

We Americans: North and South. George P. Howard. This

renowned international Latin American evangelist gives a vivid description of the nature, program, and growth of the Evangelical churches throughout Latin America. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.25.

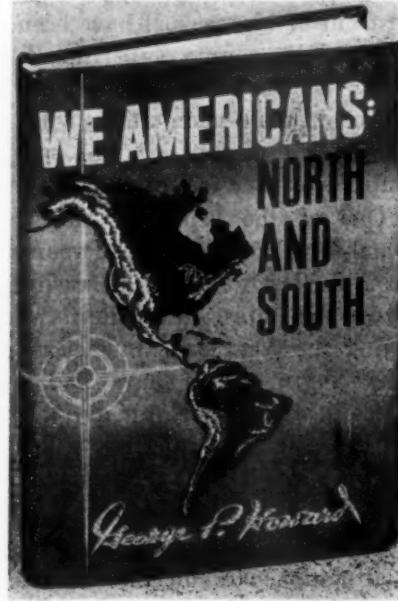
Study and Worship Programs. Baptist Study Guide on above books gives outline and reference for an integrated study. 35 cents.

Interdenominational Study Guide for Adults on "Churches for Our Country's Needs," Mabel M. Sheibley. 50 cents.

For the Foreign Mission Study: Baptist theme: "Baptists of Animistic Background."

The Spirit Tree. John E. Skoglund. Thrilling story of Baptist work amongst primitive peoples: Karens, Kachins, Nagas, Garos, and those in Belgian Congo. Charming stories, material for worship programs, interpretation of primitive religions and Christianity's growth. 75 cents.

Study and Worship Programs. Baptist Study Guide based on *The Spirit Tree.* 35 cents.



Have you placed your order? Better still—Do you have your copy? Have you begun your study to familiarize yourself so completely with the message in these books that you can make that message become alive and vital as you pass it on to others?

These books and guides will be available at the American Baptist Convention. Valuable helps and suggestions concerning these books will be given in the Mission Study Classes at the American Baptist Convention.

Missionary Education At Green Lake

This summer at Green Lake—in the following conferences—there will be thrilling opportunities for volunteer workers in missionary education to receive specialized training, and inspiration.



Bible Book of the Month

May	I Thessalonians
June	Proverbs
July	Ecclesiastes

FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Lab—June 30—July 14 and August 4–18—Leader, Miss Florence Stansbury.

National Missions Conference—August 11–18—Leaders, Miss

F. Stansbury, Rev. W. J. Keech.

Christian Education Conference—August 18–25—Leaders, Miss Elsie Kappen, Miss Florence Stansbury, Rev. William J. Keech.

FOR YOUTH

Guild House Party—July 12–14—Leader, Miss Elsie Kappen.

National Missions Conference—August 11–18—Leaders, Miss Florence Stansbury, Rev. William J. Keech.

Christian Education Conference—August 18–25—Leaders, Miss Elsie Kappen, Miss Florence Stansbury, Rev. William J. Keech.

FOR ADULTS

Christian Education Conference—August 18–25—Leaders, Miss Elsie Kappen, Miss Florence Stansbury, Rev. William J. Keech.

Missions Conference—August 11–18—Leaders, Rev. William J. Keech, Miss Florence Stansbury.

THE BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dear Friends of the Fellowship:

Miss Cay Hermann, our National Discipleship Interne, has been working on a very important and challenging program. The Call to Discipleship is not complete until the interpretation is written into every young life.

"In the midst of the struggle for the loyalty of individuals there are some people who have heard Christ's *Call to Discipleship* and who move ahead working unceasingly to share the possibilities for a new kind of life. It is a constant Call. So it is that the Executive Board and Staff of the Baptist Youth Fellowship would undergird all it is doing in developing new and young Christians into modern disciples of Christ. It is a two year program of recruitment, enlistment, and

training whereby young people will be challenged to become real Christian Disciples. There are four steps in the *Call to Discipleship*:

1. *Through My Local Church.* The heart of Christian Fellowship is the local church. Within the next year 2,000 young people will be trained to become "Disciples" able to go into every Baptist church in the American Baptist Convention to share with young people and workers with youth what practical help is available to them by way of personal visits, team contacts, summer camps and conferences, and printed materials.

2. *In My Community.* Through Youth Week, 1952, the United Christian Youth Movement will lead us out in a program of

United Action in Youth Evangelism, Projects of Service, World Christian Citizenship, Youth Work in Other Lands. Young people will be asked to symbolize their commitment to the community action by giving one dollar which will be used to develop a national radio and television program for Christian youth and to develop the program listed above.

3. *In My Life.* Sometime after early spring of 1952, the Baptist Youth Fellowship will go forth to interpret Christian Discipleship to all young people through a series of mass study and inspirational conferences to act in accord with the idea that all of life is a trust from God.

4. *Through My Life Work.* The job for which each young person must prepare, and which some

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day will take up the greatest single block of time, must be thought of from the position of the possibilities for the Disciple's service within it.

Christian leaders in every occupational channel will be asked to give guidance to young people through organized Vocational Discipleship teams, in Association meetings, community meetings and in churches through the Convention."

Very sincerely yours,

Eli P. Kappus

Books to Read

Young people and older seniors will enjoy reading *He Wears Orchids* by Elizabeth Meredith Lee. Here are nineteen entrancing stories of people who represent a cross section of Christian life in Latin America. They are short biographies, written with a snap and piquancy of style that will delight every reader and make superb material for programs and devotions.

The intriguing quality of Miss Lee's book is revealed by some of the titles of the individual stories, such as, "Cupid Wins a Con-

vert," "Money under His Pillow," "Leper's Angel" and many others.

Definitely destined to be a popular book *He Wears Orchids* was written by a woman who for many years was an able missionary. The book has an authentic Latin American atmosphere, and the decorations by Rafael Palacios, Puerto Rican-born artist, lend additional charm and flavor. The price is Cloth \$2.50; paper \$1.25.

Senior High young people will enjoy reading a new magazine or digest type book called *Now!* Here are articles, short items and special features on the exciting story of churches in new places and using unique ways for the spread of the Christian message. The book is topical, newsy, timely and chock-full of human interest. Drawings and a pictorial insert add zest to the reading. 35 cents.

Attention Leaders of Young People

It seems wise to make a slight change in the materials suggested in April *Missions* for study classes with older young people. For home mission study *Rural Prospect* by Mark Rich, our Baptist Secretary for rural work is the recommended text. Cloth \$1.50; paper \$1.00. An interesting reading book to use with the study is *So Sure of Life* by Violet Wood. Cloth \$2.50; paper \$1.25. A study guide for leaders based on both of these books is by Oscie Sanders and is 35 cents.

Students and Missions

This coming year Baptist students are to concentrate on a mission study project which will give to students the preparation needed prior to the Student Volunteer Convention Quadrennial to be held in December, 1951 in

Lawrence, Kansas. At the BYF National Council meeting in June the State Student Commission representatives will constitute a workshop for developing detailed plans for this emphasis on missions. The Commission is concerned that students shall know about the outreach of their own denomination at home and throughout the world. In preparation for this workshop, advance packets of Baptist missionary literature are being sent to each State Student Commission representative.

Sing It Again

Many Guild girls have never learned the traditional Guild hymn written by Mary Vassar to the music of "Fling Out the Banner." The hymn is entitled *Go Forward, Daughters of the King*. Every girl should know it. The words are available on small sheets $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ and could be pasted easily into individual program booklets, listing Guild meetings, so that each girl might have it and sing it with others. The hymn in this form is available at 25¢ per hundred.

Another sheet, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ has the words of this song on one side and on the other the words of the



lovely hymn *O Silver Star* written by Margaret Applegarth for the 25th anniversary of the Guild. The music by Sibelius, to which the hymn is sung, is also printed on the sheet. This is available at 1 cent each and would be especially useful at banquets.

Let's sing them again!

B.W.A. News

Youth groups which would like to keep abreast of what is going on among Baptist young people the world over will do well to subscribe to the interesting little paper B.W.A. News edited by Joel Sorenson for the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. The paper is \$1.00 per year for groups outside Europe. Subscriptions, accompanied by the subscription price, should be sent direct to Joel Sorenson, editor, Klarabergsgatan 50, Stockholm, Sweden.

Girls—It's a Date!

Wanted—a representative—two would be better—from *every state* in our American Baptist Convention territory; girls who can give leadership in their own states; girls of all ages; Guild girls and Baptist girls. An exciting experience awaits you. Think of all of these new friendships you could form in no other way. Some of these girls will be assigned as your roommates and your friends always. And there will be missionaries and leaders—some from lands far away, others from service nearby who will be your friends, too, and who will bring still more distant friends near.

You will bring some gifts of your own. Your talents will be used—music, speaking, workshop, handcraft. You will bring some clean, mended clothing, bedding or shoes for a relief box to be

packed and sent. A whole world of new opportunity will open up for you as with others you think through the difference you can make in the community where you live and in those farther away. New ideas for that girls' group back home will be found in conferences for your age, and will give you tools to use for the active, growing group you want yours to be. Recreation will not be lacking. Be sure to bring that swimming suit and stout walking shoes and a love of good fun.

You won't forget your Bible, for with it you will discover some new paths to God in the lovely out-of-doors, as you plan and worship with others.

Where—oh yes, this date you have is with the *National Guild House Party at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 12-19*. Cost \$22.75. Ask your pastor or State World Service Secretary for a folder and registration blank. This is a personal invitation to a party! Please get the R.S.V.P. (registration) in early. The Guild House Party has a *date with you!*

Youth at A.B.C.

This year with the dates of the Convention later than usual, June 11-15, it is hoped that a large number of young people will be in the sessions as regularly appointed delegates from their churches.

The report of the Baptist Youth Fellowship takes the form of a Youth Night program where the Fellowship becomes visual

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By the international scope as well as the missionary and educational content of this issue. So would a friend or relative who is not familiar with the magazine.

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through the presentations of young people on the program. Youth Night is Wednesday, June 13.

The theme for the year 1951-52 is "For the Facing of This Hour." In keeping with it, the program which the young people will present is called "Beginning at Jerusalem." Eight young people will make three minute talks dealing with some of the major concerns of the Fellowship program and revealing the service which Baptist youth are rendering here and now in the local churches and beyond.

The choir of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School will sing and Rev. Gene Bartlett, a close friend of the Fellowship, will speak. Dr. Elton Trueblood, known widely for his books and to many young people personally, through his presentations at the Green Lake Youth Conference last year, will bring the message of the evening.

The program will be preceded by a youth banquet. The "singing president" of the Fellowship, Bruce Hanson, will have a solo. David Evans, Chairman of the Youth Conference Committee, will give us a selection on the piano, Ruth Haglund, Eastern Vice-President, will lead group singing. James True, National Leadership Chairman is our "MC" for the banquet hour.

Increasing the opportunities for Youth Fellowship, arrangements are also being made for after-session "pow-wows" where young people can get together informally, review the day's doings and receive some orientation in the next day's proceedings. There will be a spot in the Convention Exhibit Hall in connection with the Board of Education and Publication exhibit which will be a good rallying point for Baptist youth.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

The Children's World Crusade

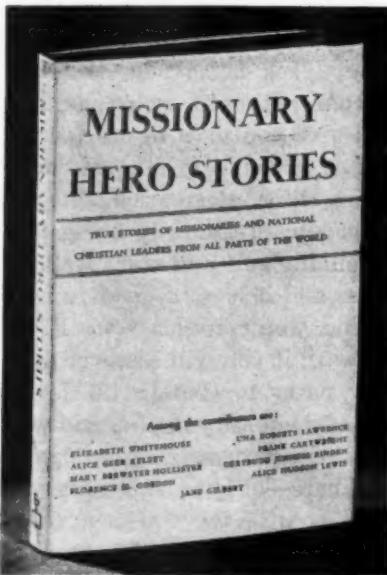
Dear Boys and Girls:

What happy surprises we have had in getting your fine boxes this year! Imagine yourself seeing and hearing some of the things that have happened after a box from you reached us.

Some of the children have walked a long way through lots of mud, past row after row of houses to the church. Others have walked only a short distance.

Vacation Church School was so thrilling, they didn't want to see it close the night they shared with their parents and friends the songs, stories, Bible verses they had learned, and the interesting things they had made.

"O Boy!" burst out Betty, as she and others were bubbling over with joy to learn they would get to meet again every week. When the chilly October days rolled around, and there had been no fire in the big coal stove for a long time, it was fun working outside the church in the sunshine to make the children happy who were crippled and had to stay in a hospital. Our Junior boys and girls were using colored paper, pictures, glue and crayons you sent to make lovely picture books about Jesus. As they read and printed the verses, "*Love one another*," "*Be kind to one another*," "*Jesus went about doing good*," and Jesus said, "*Let the little children come unto me*," beside the picture that fit the words from the Bible, it made them happy too. Their closing prayer, "*Thank you God for Jesus, your Son, and for letting us share His love with our crippled friends. Help them to be well and happy again. Amen*," was your prayer too, be-



cause you were helping to make it possible.

June and Sue carefully carry the Bibles from the missionaries' box of supplies, you helped provide, to the Junior room. They must be put back in place at the close of the meeting so they can be used each time. It was good to have the leaflets, with pictures and stories from the Bible to be taken home and to school so they could invite their friends, who had not been coming, to join us at the church.

Instead of coal dust beautiful glistening snow had fallen on the village of Morrisvale. The sparkle of the children was like the sparkling snow as they went from house to house singing, "*Joy to the world, the Lord has come*," and when the words, "*Silent Night, Holy Night, All is Calm, All is Bright*" floated across the air, it was Christmas indeed, and time to sing, "*O Come let us adore Him*." To go caroling was something new! And how real the

Christmas story became when it was sounded out from the hearts and voices of children into the homes where some of the people had not yet learned the true meaning of Christmas.

Used Christmas cards served as a personal greeting from the church with the words printed by the children, Welcome to our Christmas Program; December 20, at the Church—7:30 P.M.—and passed out to homes. Joyfully, they entered the church decorated with beautiful poinsettias, from a Christmas box, placed beside the green and white candles, surrounded by holly and pine. Much to their surprise, they noticed a hugh pile of gifts. "What are these? Who are they for? Where did they come from?" I prepared a paper with a heading We thank you! using Christmas colors. Each of them was eager to sign below. During the program, I told everybody about the gifts which had come to us. Helping them realize the meaning of the words from our Bible, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*," I explained the fruit basket the children had prepared for a sick lady of the community. A get well wish and a Christmas message, along with a prayer from our hearts went with the basket of fruit.

After the children had first learned the joy of giving, numbers were passed out to match the numbers placed on the gifts. I wish you could have seen them searching for their numbers until 57 happy children and youth started opening the gifts. When I saw Charles, a grown-up boy of school age, open a doll bed, I asked if he would like to exchange gifts

with some girl. He let me know he was well pleased by saying, "No, I want to keep it."

This is what is happening as you have helped our children and their families learn to love Jesus so they too want to share His love as you have.

With sincere thanks, your missionary

Kathleen Stanard, Rural West Virginia.

Missionary Hero Stories

"I'm going to be a missionary nurse when I grow up," was a statement a junior girl made to her teacher not long ago. Surely the teacher had been faithful to her task and winsome in her witness to the effectiveness of one missionary task!

Teachers everywhere are looking for good enrichment material to use and stories to tell. In this book *Missionary Hero Stories* there has been brought together thirty stories of great missionaries representing almost as many different countries and all types of work that missionaries do. There are some stories for primary boys and girls and some for juniors! The book has been cleverly indexed so that it is easy to find exactly the right story for a particular need. It has been indexed by country, name and denomination of the missionary and the type of work the missionary did.

Perhaps some of your boys and girls will hear the call "Go ye into all the world."

Thank You's from Puerto Rico

So many of you have contributed to our project "*Pictures for Children Everywhere*" that I'd love to share with you every expression of appreciation that comes in. I hope mothers and leaders will take these along to kindergarten, primary and junior

departments and read them to the boys and girls. Perhaps a notice in the church bulletin would reach those boys and girls who have gone out from the junior department since they gave to this particular project.

My dear friends:

We received the beautiful pictures you sent to our Christian Center in Puerto De Tierra. We appreciate very much your kindness and good help. We are using them in our Primary Department, specially during the worship service. As our department is divided in six classes we are using them in this period that all are together. We have a big Primary Department with an enrollment of 100 children. Our regular attendance is from 80 to 100 every Sunday. With best wishes and gratitude,

Your sister in Christ,
Petronila Nieves, Missionary.

Dear friends:

The primary and Junior departments of the First Baptist Church of Cayey, Puerto Rico, thank you all for the gifts you have sent us. They are helping to understand better our lessons. We are very grateful for that demonstration of brotherhood from your part and we pray our Lord to give us the opportunity to help other children to have better programs as you did with us. God bless you all.

Petra Urbina, Missionary.

Dear little friends,

Let's sing that song that we love, "*Let the children come unto me, and forbid them not.*" How beautiful it is, isn't it! Jesus loves all the children in the world. This makes us feel happy, and we feel even more happy when we share this joy with other children.

We Puerto Rican children of

the Baptist Church in Barrio Obrero feel very thankful to you for the beautiful gift you sent us. We are using them in the Kindergarten Sunday School and Day School and in the Primary and Junior Departments too.

Alicia Soto, Missionary

Beloved friends in Christ,

We wish to express our most sincere gratitude for the beautiful gift that we have received from you. We thank all of you who have had a share in this love gift. May the Lord light your hearts each day with this spirit of sending the message to others.

Deeply grateful to you,
The Children of the Las Cruces Sunday School

Note: (This is a country church. The letter was written by the pastor)

Dear friends in Jesus,

We received the pictures you sent us. They are of great need for our church work. We are using them in the Sunday School classes. Thank you very much for them. The children appreciated them very much. They asked me to write you and tell that they will remind you in their prayers. God bless everyone of you.

Lovingly yours,
*Carmen Diaz de Caraballo,
Pastor's wife.*

Kodiak

Every primary teacher who is using our Judson Graded Course will in May be teaching a unit on our Baptist work in Kodiak, Alaska. There will be no supplementary packets, but we will try to put into our pages of Missions new material from time to time. You will want to help your boys and girls to remember our Kodiak friends in their prayers as well as through service projects.

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THE OPEN FORUM OF METHODS

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The Program Theme

"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is, There Is Freedom"

The program theme for 1951-1951 is a challenge to program chairmen to so present the programs that all in the group may "know the kind of spirit our Lord had" and "understand the significance, the outreach, the influence of that spirit."

For the latter, *A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE* will prove to be the most useful single book.

The *Index of Subjects* at the back of the book points the way to information concerning any given field or phase of American Baptist missionary work. Many of the messages for Sundays and special days fit the general theme as though written for it. For example, in Program II, the section on "Protestant Freedoms" might be expanded to include the message from the Baptist World Alliance (Feb. 4). "Always freedom must carry the elements of service," (Feb. 22) is appropriate for use in the final speech.

Perhaps in this program the leader might make use of the quotation (*source unknown*) relating to old-time map makers:

Of the bright world that for us gleams,
They knew but half—the rest was dreams.

All who had the privilege of attending the original *Medical Round Table* in Boston a year ago, will be eager to make Program IV an effective means of presenting the "outreach and influence" of medical missions. Turn to *A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE* for

additional facts on the medical work in each of the fields represented in the program. Share these facts by means of posters or by individual cards (cut in the shape of the map of the field or bearing some distinctive design). Or the medical needs of the fields might be listed on a "prescription form" with the familiar inscription symbol—B. It is interesting to note that Dr. Clara C. Leach, one of the participants, now is serving in Nellore Hospital for Women and Children, Nellore, South India, which is featured in the message for December 20. The poem, "To Be A Nurse," given there can be used in connection with the mention of the nurses' training schools in the program.

Program V takes the form of "Twenty Questions" on Latin America, with the suggestion that the answers given in the program outline be supplemented by facts gleaned from *MISSIONS*, *A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE* and other publications. General

information will be found on page 40, with the various fields presented on pages 41-49, inclusive. (See also the statement on page 46.) The summer or early fall issue of *Program Pointers* will have suggestions for invitations and favors for the *fiesta* suggested as an evening program. (*Home Mission Digest V* also will prove a valuable source book.)

With pencil and note book handy, browse through the Home Mission sections for significant illustration of the theme of Program VI—"... Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness for All Races in Christian America." Begin with the message, "The Birthday of Freedom" (July 4), which is followed by three pages on the work with the American Indian. Look up the stories on

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Christian Friendliness; the Negro Educational Centers, schools and work; bi-lingual groups. List significant facts and compelling phrases for possible use in the program itself, or for sharing in some other form—"take-home" cards, posters, etc.

For additional information for use in Program VII, follow the same method of research as for Program IV. Use the new edition of *Along Kingdom Highways* also.

The poem, "In Church," on page 54 is appropriate for use in Program VIII. Scattered references to new churches, and to the work of home missionaries in helping to establish new churches, should be noted for possible use. Two issues of MISSIONS—March, 1950 and November, 1950—are recommended. In fact, you will find in recent and forthcoming issues of MISSIONS many articles and "quotable quotes" that should be shared by means of the programs.

By the time this issue of MISSIONS reaches you, other denominational helps will be ready. Watch for announcements concerning these, or write for a list of titles.

Annual Meetings

FOREIGN MISSIONS SOCIETY

The 135th annual meeting of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the states of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New York, will be held in the Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N. Y., at 9:30 A.M., Friday, June 15, 1951, to act upon any report that shall be presented, to elect officers and members of the Board of Managers, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.—*Dana M. Albaugh*, Recording Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN SOCIETY

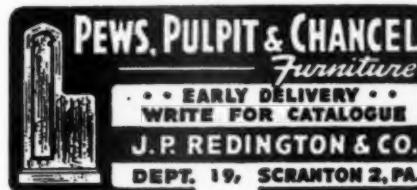
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HOME MISSION SOCIETY

The 117th annual meeting of The American Baptist Home Mission Society will be held at 9:30 A.M., Friday, June 15, 1951, in the Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N. Y., to act upon any report that shall then be presented; to elect officers of the Society and members of the Board of

Managers; to amend the By-laws to read "American Baptist Convention" instead of the former name, "Northern Baptist Convention" wherever it appears in the By-laws of the Society; to change the number of Vice-presidents from three to one; to make the Vice-president a member of the Board; and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.—*R. Dean Goodwin*, Recording Secretary.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

The annual meeting of The Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention will be held at 9:30 A.M., Friday, June 15, 1951, in Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N. Y., to act upon any reports presented, to elect officers and members of the Board of Managers and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.—*W. Z. McLear*, Recording Secretary.

WOMAN'S HOME SOCIETY

The 74th annual meeting of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society will be held at 9:30 A.M., Friday, June 15, 1951, in the Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N. Y., to act upon any report that shall then be presented, to elect officers and members of the Board of Managers, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.—*Mrs. T. W. Aishton*, Rec. Secretary.

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1926 and also at Bluefield College, 1929-1930. His editorial career includes service as Assistant Editor of *The Watchman-Examiner*, Associate Editorial Secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Editor of *The Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, N. C., and since 1941, Editor of Uniform Lesson Publications, American Baptist Publication Society, and on the editorial staff of *The Baptist Leader*. He is the author of two books, *Christian Teachings for Personal Living*, and *Twelve Laws of Life*. The latter was reviewed in *MISSIONS*, page 553, November, 1950. He begins his new duties on the staff of *MISSIONS* on October 1, 1951.

• **MISS CELIA ALLEN**, director and missionary at the First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco, Cal., will be one of the series of group leaders at the Youth Conference to be held at Green Lake, Wis., June 18-24, 1951.

• **MISS MARY KATOW**, missionary at the Henry C. Gleiss Memorial Christian Center, Detroit, Mich., will begin a sabbatical study leave at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Cal., in September.

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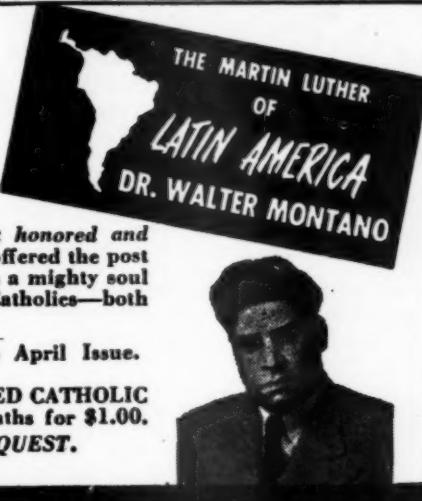
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OUR HOPE OF SURVIVAL IN AN AGE OF CRISIS, by *George L. Murray*, Baker Book House, 133 pages, \$1.50

THE FUTURE IS Now, by *Homer W. Carpenter*, Bethany Press, 187 pages, \$2.50

SONS OF ADAM, Pen sketches of God's ancient people, by *Samuel M. Zwemer*, Baker Book House, 164 pages, \$2.00

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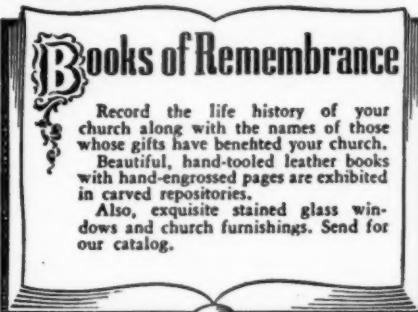
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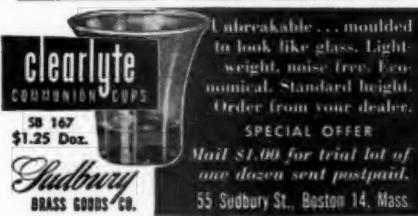
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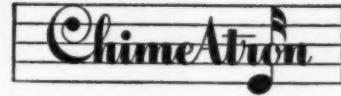
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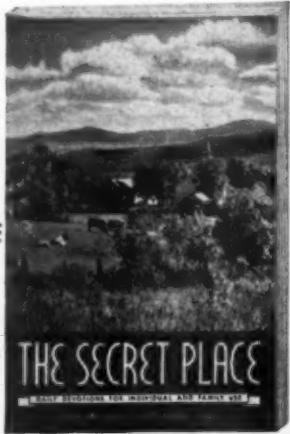
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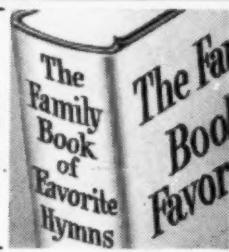
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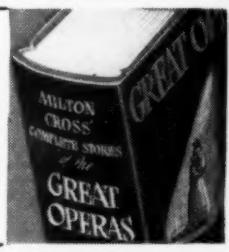
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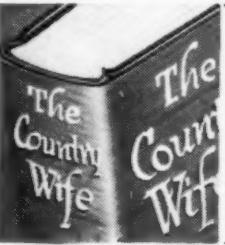
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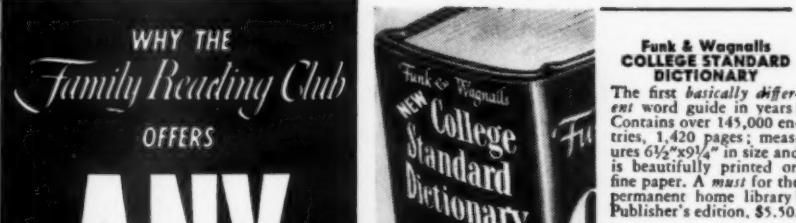
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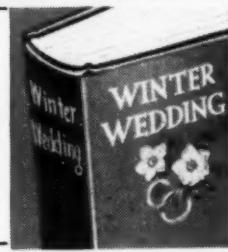
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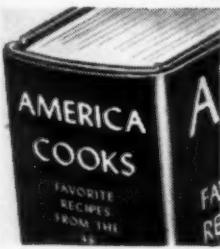
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